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To: All Members of the Council

Town House,
ABERDEEN Thursday, 24 August 2022

ADJOURNED COUNCIL

The Members of the **COUNCIL** are requested to meet in Council Chamber - Town House on **THURSDAY, 25 AUGUST 2022 at 2.00 pm.**

This is a hybrid meeting therefore members may also attend remotely.

VIKKI CUTHBERT
INTERIM CHIEF OFFICER - GOVERNANCE

BUSINESS

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND TRANSPARENCY STATEMENTS

4.1 Members are requested to declare any interests or connections

GENERAL BUSINESS

9.4 Committee Structure and Scheme of Governance - COM/22/161 (Pages 5 - 66)

Appendix 4 is at the end of the appendices.

9.5 City Centre and Beach Masterplan - RES/22/173 (Pages 67 - 212)

NOTICES OF MOTION

10.2 Councillor Macdonald

To instruct the Chief Executive to report to the December 2022 Council meeting on the feasibility of offering free bus travel to every resident of Aberdeen, by fully funding those residents who are not eligible for existing concessionary schemes.

10.3 Councillor Tissera

That the Council:-

1. note that many Aberdeen citizens, like citizens from other cities, towns and villages in Scotland are reliant on food banks;
2. note the good work that is done by many community leaders and volunteers within Aberdeen, who offer foodbank facilities within their communities, thus helping those most in need;
3. note that falling incomes and inflation has left many food banks struggling to survive, however, thanks to the prudent financial management of the last Administration the Council achieved an underspend of £1.3m last year and therefore additional funds are available to the Council that hadn't been anticipated when the budget was set for 2022/23 and has not been allocated as part of the Quarter 1 Financial Performance Report. In addition, over £35m of cashable reserves are retained within the Common Good. All in all, cash is available to help struggling food banks if the political will is there;
4. agree that with many citizens being unable to feed their families sufficiently and properly due to the high cost of food and with food banks in the city complaining that they are running out of food to help the most needy and vulnerable in Aberdeen, the time has come for the Council to stop counting the interest on its money and put some of that money into helping the most vulnerable in our city;
5. agree therefore to allocate £500,000 from the General Fund 2022/23 contingency budget to be distributed to the various food bank charities within the city to allow them to help protect our most needy and vulnerable citizens; and
6. agree to delegate authority to the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment, following consultation with the Chief Officer - Finance, to make appropriate arrangements for the urgent distribution of £500,000 from General Fund contingencies for the mitigation of food poverty across Aberdeen.
7. appoint a Food Champion to focus on this crucial and complex issue in the immediate and longer term for the benefit of all Aberdeen citizens.

10.4 Councillor Tissera

Aberdeen City Council:-

- (1) congratulates England's Women's Football team on winning the European Championship.
- (2) agrees that the Lionesses are an inspiration to all girls and women right across the United Kingdom.
- (3) acknowledges the work that Sport Aberdeen is currently doing and agrees that the Council continues to work with Sport Aberdeen, Aberdeen Football Club's Women's Team and other women's football teams to promote girls' and women's participation in football and sport in our schools and communities, thus helping with the mental well-being of all those participating in sport.

EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

- 11.1 North East of Scotland Green Freeport - Update - COM/22/170 (Pages 213 - 270)
- 11.2 Committee Structure and Scheme of Governance - Appendix 12 (Pages 271 - 288)

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ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Council
DATE	24 August 2022
EXEMPT	No Appendix 12 is exempt - paragraphs 6 and 8
CONFIDENTIAL	No
REPORT TITLE	Committee Structure and Scheme of Governance
REPORT NUMBER	COM/22/161
DIRECTOR	Gale Beattie, Director of Commissioning
CHIEF OFFICER	Vikki Cuthbert, Chief Officer - Governance
REPORT AUTHOR	Martyn Orchard
TERMS OF REFERENCE	7, 17, 18 and 21

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To respond to the instruction from the adjourned Council meeting on 13 July 2022, following approval of the notice of motion by the Co-Leaders proposing changes to the Scheme of Governance and the committee structure in particular.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:-

- 2.1 agree, with effect from 14 October 2022, to
- disestablish the Capital Programme Committee
 - disestablish the Strategic Commissioning Committee
 - disestablish the Operational Delivery Committee
 - disestablish the Public Protection Committee
 - rename the Education Operational Delivery Committee as the Education and Children’s Services Committee
 - rename the City Growth and Resources Committee as the Finance and Resources Committee
 - establish the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee
 - establish the Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee
 - establish the Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee;
- 2.2 approve the Terms of Reference for the Finance and Resources Committee, Council, Education and Children’s Services Committee, Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee, Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee, Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee and Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee as set out in Appendices 1 to 7, to take effect from 14 October 2022;

- 2.3 delegate authority to the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment, following consultation with the Chief Officer - Governance and the Convener of the Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee, to determine the process for the selection and appointment of the external advisers to the Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee and report back to the next Council meeting to seek approval of the appointments;
- 2.4 agree that the Conveners and Vice Conveners of the City Growth and Resources Committee and Education Operational Delivery Committee become the Conveners and Vice Conveners of the Finance and Resources Committee and Education and Children's Services Committee respectively, with effect from 14 October 2022, and that the membership of those committees be unchanged;
- 2.5 appoint Conveners and Vice Conveners to the following committees with effect from 14 October 2022:-
- Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee
 - Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee
 - Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee;
- 2.6 agree the compositions of the new committees as below:-

Committee	Partnership	Labour	Conservative	Cllr Boulton	Cllr Stewart	Total
Communities, Housing and Public Protection	7	3	2	0	1	13
Net Zero, Environment and Transport	7	3	3	0	0	13
Anti-Poverty and Inequality	7	3	3	0	0	13

- 2.7 agree that there be no change to the Planning Scheme of Delegation (i.e. the Scheme of Delegation for dealing with planning applications for Local Developments) in the Powers Delegated to Officers, as detailed in section 3.3 of the report; instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to draft a procedure to allow all interested parties, including ward members, to make representations at Planning Development Management Committee and report this draft procedure to the November meeting of that Committee for approval; and note that said Chief Officer will continue to develop local engagement on planning matters, including through the network of community councils;
- 2.8 approve the changes to Standing Orders 13, 16, 34 and 40, as set out in Appendix 8, with effect from 25 August 2022;

- 2.9 instruct the Chief Officer - Governance to remove from the Scheme of Governance all references to Business Manager and Depute Business Manager, and approve the replacement wording contained within Appendix 9 with immediate effect;
- 2.10 approve the amended Council diary for 2022 and the Council diary for 2023 as set out in Appendices 10 and 11 respectively;
- 2.11 consider the information with regard to additional webcasting requirements as set out in section 3.7 of the report and Appendix 12 (exempt) and refer the matter to the budget process;
- 2.12 appoint Vice Conveners to the Appeals Sub Committee and Licensing Sub Committee as detailed in section 3.8 of the report;
- 2.13 appoint one member to each of the COSLA Boards as set out in section 3.9 of the report;
- 2.14 approve the establishment of the Void Properties Working Group, agree the membership and approve the Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix 13; and
- 2.15 instruct the Chief Officer – Governance to, following consultation with the Co-Leaders, make all other amendments to the Scheme of Governance which are necessary to reflect the decisions taken by the Council at this meeting in relation to this report.

3. CURRENT SITUATION

3.1 Notice of Motion by Councillors Nicoll and Yuill

- 3.1.1 At the Adjourned Council meeting on 13 July 2022, Council approved the following notice of motion by Councillors Nicoll and Yuill:-

“That Council notes the Policy Statement considered at its meeting on 18 May 2022, and instructs the Chief Officer - Governance to bring forward proposals to the meeting of Full Council on 24 August 2022 with recommended changes to the Scheme of Governance to incorporate the following:-

Terms of Reference

- Dis-establish the Capital Programme Committee and transfer the remit to the City Growth and Resources Committee
- Dis-establish the Strategic Commissioning Committee and transfer the remit to Full Council and any other committee as appropriate
- Extend the scope of the Education Operational Delivery Committee to include children’s services and rename it Education and Children’s Services Committee to reflect its expanded remit
- Dis-establish the Operational Delivery and Public Protection Committees, and create:
 - Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee; and

- Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee
- Establish an Anti Poverty Committee for addressing poverty in the city
- Rename the City Growth and Resources Committee as the Finance and Resources Committee

Powers Delegated to Officers

- To review the Planning Scheme of Delegation with a view to exploring the possibilities for ward members to direct that applications be determined by the Planning Development Management Committee rather than be determined under officer delegation.

Standing Orders

- Amend Standing Order 13 to remove Administration Leaders from the list of people to whom draft reports must be submitted except for reports to the Council and City Growth and Resources Committee
- Amend Standing Order 16 to reflect that any local member can speak at a committee without the need for consent from the Convener
- Amend Standing Order 34 to reflect that where one third of committee refers a matter to Full Council, and the next Full Council meeting is too late, the matter can be considered at a meeting of the Urgent Business Committee
- Amend Standing Order 40 regarding the length of meetings to reflect that meetings cannot last any longer than 6 hours (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any adjournments), unless Standing Orders are suspended

Scheme of Governance

- Remove all references to Business Manager and Depute Business Manager

Council Diary

- Meetings to be on an eight-week cycle, including Full Council, other than those which meet more frequently (e.g. PDMC) or less frequently (e.g. Pensions Committee)
- Change all committee start times to 10.00am

Webcasting

- Bring forward a proposal on how all Full Council and committee meetings could be made hybrid and webcast from the Chamber or Committee Room 2.”

3.1.2 This report fulfils the instruction to the Chief Officer - Governance as set out in the approved notice of motion.

3.1.3 Furthermore, the Council resolved:-

- to note that at the Budget Meeting in March 2022 as noted in the Business Planner, Council agreed to instruct the Chief Executive to bring forward a refreshed Target Operating Model to the August Council meeting; and

- to agree the Chief Executive's refreshed Target Operating Model report should set out in a manner which allows for the discharge by the Council of its different functions taking into consideration the financial climate the Council finds itself in and taking into consideration the agreed Partnership's Council 2022-2027 policy document adopted at the May 2022 Council meeting.

3.1.4 The refreshed Target Operating Model is also on the agenda for this meeting and fulfils this further instruction.

3.2 **Committee Structure**

3.2.1 It is proposed that the current committee structure continue for one further cycle of meetings, with the last meeting under the current structure being the Public Protection Committee on 12 October 2022. This will allow a smoother transition of business from the current committee structure to the new committee structure.

3.2.2 Terms of Reference for the affected (current) committees, Council and the new committees are set out in Appendices 1 to 7, and significant changes are tracked where possible. It is recommended that these be effective from 14 October 2022.

3.2.3 The Terms of Reference of Council and all committees will be reviewed again towards the end of the year and in early 2023, as part of the annual review of the Scheme of Governance to be reported to Council in February 2023. This will allow the new committees and renamed committees the opportunity to bed in and for officers and members to feed into the review based on their operation from October to February.

3.2.4 It is proposed that the existing Conveners and Vice Conveners of the City Growth and Resources and Education Operational Delivery Committees become the Conveners and Vice Conveners of the Finance and Resources and Education and Children's Services Committees respectively, and that the memberships of those committees be the same as is currently the case.

3.2.5 Conveners and Vice Conveners of the three new committees (Communities, Housing and Public Protection, Net Zero, Environment and Transport and Anti Poverty and Inequality) will require to be appointed, and the Council will be required to determine their level of remuneration with regard to senior councillor allowances.

3.2.6 By way of comparison, senior councillor allowances are currently paid to the four Conveners of the committees proposed to be disestablished, however the four Vice Conveners are not in receipt of a senior councillor allowance for that role.

3.2.7 When making these appointments, the Council must have regard to the following structure for the payment of allowances to Councillors:-

- (a) up to 19 Councillors can hold senior positions with an allowance between £25,691 (lower level in terms of current practice) and £34,254 (upper level) provided that the total is within the maximum permissible of £511,316; and
- (b) a basic allowance of £19,571 must be paid as a minimum to each member of the Council as set out in the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Regulations 2007. No member can be paid more than one allowance.

3.2.8 The Council is asked to agree the senior allowances to be paid, bearing in mind that separate provision is made for the Civic Head (Lord Provost) and the Leader of the Council. For the avoidance of any doubt, the Lord Provost and the Leader of the Council are not included in the maximum of 19 Councillors who can hold senior positions, nor the maximum £511,316 limit referred to above.

3.2.9 With regard to the composition and membership of the three new committees, it is proposed that they each have 13 members based on the following compositions. Names can be provided to the Chief Officer - Governance following the Council meeting.

Committee	Partnership	Labour	Conservative	Cllr Boulton	Cllr Stewart	Total
Communities, Housing and Public Protection	7	3	2	0	1	13
Net Zero, Environment and Transport	7	3	3	0	0	13
Anti-Poverty and Inequality	7	3	3	0	0	13

3.3 Planning Scheme of Delegation

3.3.1 Officers in Strategic Place Planning do not recommend amending the Planning Scheme of Delegation (i.e. the Scheme of Delegation for dealing with planning applications for Local Developments) in the Powers Delegated to Officers to allow ward members to direct that applications be determined by the Planning Development Management Committee (PDMC) rather than determined under officer delegation.

3.3.2 If an application was to be referred to PDMC, this could add up to 5 weeks to the determination process based on the current committee intervals, depending on when in the committee cycle such a referral was requested; such delays

would make the process less efficient and would have a detrimental impact in a number of areas.

- 3.3.3 The current triggers in the Planning Scheme of Delegation are tailored to allow more controversial applications to be considered by PDMC and allow members to directly participate in decision making. These triggers erode the justification for referral to PDMC, as such referrals would by definition be for applications with fewer than 6 objections or where the Community Council had not objected, rather than for applications that were more controversial in the local community.
- 3.3.4 Officers have also considered ward members making representations on behalf of constituents at PDMC. This can be done, but due to provisions in the Councillors' Code of Conduct, there must be a procedure to allow equal opportunity for all interested parties to make representations. Officers will draft a procedure to allow all interested parties, including ward members, to make representations at PDMC and will report back to the November PDMC. In addition, further work to increase community engagement on planning matters will be undertaken, particularly to utilise the network of community councils to provide opportunities for participation and engagement.
- 3.3.5 Officers will also look to produce an easy to read PDF guidance leaflet for wide circulation to make it easier for people to compose and submit a valid representation to a planning application. This would show people how to monitor and view planning applications, and the document would also be publicised and displayed on the Council website.

3.4 Standing Orders

- 3.4.1 Appendix 8 provides details of the proposed changes to Standing Orders 13, 16, 34 and 40 in terms of the notice of motion by the Co-Leaders.
- 3.4.2 Similar to the Planning Scheme of Delegation, officers in Strategic Place Planning and Legal Services do not recommend amending Standing Order 16 in respect of quasi-judicial matters. However, as detailed at 3.3.4 above, it is proposed that a procedure be prepared on making representations to the PDMC. There is already a process in place to allow equal opportunity for interested parties to speak at the Licensing Committee, so ward members can make representations there, subject to the statutory processes governing licensing.

3.5 Scheme of Governance - Business Manager and Depute Business Manager and other amendments

- 3.5.1 The vast majority of references to Business Manager and Depute Business Manager within the Scheme of Governance documents can simply be removed without any impact. However, there are a small number of Business Manager references where the Council is requested to make a decision in terms of replacement wording, and these are contained within Appendix 9.
- 3.5.2 Furthermore, numerous (minor) amendments to the Scheme of Governance will be necessary in order to reflect the Council's decisions in relation to this

report and an instruction is sought for the Chief Officer – Governance to make these amendments following consultation with the Co-Leaders. For example, in the Powers Delegated to Officers, references to conveners of disestablished Committees will require to be replaced with references to conveners of the relevant new Committees. As another example, various amendments to the Procurement Regulations will be required in order to reflect any changes made to the Terms of Reference in relation to procurement matters.

3.6 Council Diary

3.6.1 Appendix 10 is the amended Council diary for the remainder of 2022, which is based on the current committee structure running up to and including the Public Protection Committee meeting on 12 October 2022, although with committee start times generally changed to 10.00am. Thereafter, the new committees are scheduled. In line with the instruction that all meetings be on an eight-week cycle, including Full Council, an additional Council meeting has been identified on 13 October 2022.

3.6.2 Appendix 11 is the proposed Council diary for 2023. This is based on an extra meeting of most committees taking account of the desire for an eight-week cycle. In line with previous practice, the school holidays have been kept free of ordinary committee meetings which results in the first half of the year being more congested than the second half of the year, however this cannot be avoided unless meetings are scheduled during the school holidays.

3.7 Webcasting

3.7.1 The relevant information is contained within Appendix 12 which is exempt.

3.8 Appeals Sub Committee and Licensing Sub Committee

3.8.1 The Conveners of the Staff Governance and Licensing Committees have indicated that they would like Vice Conveners to be appointed for the Appeals Sub Committee and the Licensing Sub Committee, in order that if the Convener was not available the Vice Convener would chair the meeting.

3.8.2 The Appeals Sub Committee Procedure can be amended by officers under delegated powers to that effect, however only once the decision to appoint a Vice Convener has been agreed.

3.9 COSLA Boards - Appointment of Members

3.9.1 Colleagues at COSLA (Convention of Scottish Local Authorities) have advised that their board structure has been confirmed and they therefore require one elected member to be appointed by the Council to each of the following boards:-

- Health and Social Care
- Children and Young People
- Environment and Economy
- Community Wellbeing

3.10 Void Properties Working Group

3.10.1 At its meeting on 19 January 2022, the Operational Delivery Committee resolved to hold a cross party meeting to establish the feasibility and potential remit of a Voids Working Group. Following the local government election in May 2022, the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment contacted Group Leaders and Independent Councillors requesting nominations to participate in this meeting. Such meeting took place where it was agreed that a working group was feasible, and Terms of Reference were agreed amongst the group which are attached at Appendix 13.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The financial implications associated with appointing new Conveners and Vice Conveners will be met from existing approved budgets.

4.2 The financial implications relating to additional webcasting provision are not currently covered by existing budgets and, if the Council wish to proceed with additional webcasting, a source of funding would need to be identified. The specific costs are contained in Appendix 12.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Under Section 56 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, subject to certain exceptions, the Council may arrange for the discharge of any of its functions by a Committee or Sub Committee.

5.2 The Scheme of Delegation for dealing with planning applications for Local Developments is a statutory requirement and as such any changes to it may require to be approved by Scottish Ministers.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

7. RISK

7.1 The assessment of risk contained within the table below is considered to be consistent with the Council's Risk Appetite Statement.

Category	Risks	Primary Controls/Control Actions to achieve Target Risk Level	*Target Risk Level (L, M or H) *taking into account controls/control actions	*Does Target Risk Level Match Appetite Set?
Strategic Risk	No significant	N/A	N/A	N/A

	risks identified			
Compliance	Council must comply with legislation and the Scheme of Governance	The recommendations comply with statutory obligations and the Scheme of Governance	L	Yes
Operational	No significant risks identified	N/A	N/A	N/A
Financial	No significant risks identified	N/A	N/A	N/A
Reputational	No significant risks identified	N/A	N/A	N/A
Environment / Climate	No significant risks identified	N/A	N/A	N/A

8. OUTCOMES

The proposals in this report have no impact on the Council Delivery Plan.

9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Integrated Impact Assessment	Full impact assessment not required
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

11. APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 - Finance and Resources Committee - Terms of Reference (ToR)
- Appendix 2 - Council - ToR
- Appendix 3 - Education and Children's Services Committee - ToR
- Appendix 4 - Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee - ToR
- Appendix 5 - Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee - ToR
- Appendix 6 – Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee – ToR
- Appendix 7 - Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee - ToR
- Appendix 8 - Standing Orders 13, 16, 34 and 40
- Appendix 9 - Scheme of Governance - Business Manager
- Appendix 10 - Proposed Council Diary 2022
- Appendix 11 - Proposed Council Diary 2023
- Appendix 12 - Webcasting - **Exempt**
- Appendix 13 - Void Properties Working Group - ToR

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Finance and Resources Committee (tracked changes included)

PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE

To approve and monitor financial strategies, budgets and financial performance in light of available funding, including the development and delivery of the Council's capital programme as well as monitoring the development of the Local Development Plan.

The Committee will also consider:

- strategies to support the city's economic growth;
- additions to the Capital Programme; and
- recommendations regarding the Council's property and estates portfolio.

The Committee monitors the delivery of all services provided by the Resources Function (with the exception of those within the remit of the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee and the Education and Children's Services) and the Commissioning Functions and City Growth, Governance and Strategic Place Planning. It scrutinises performance and approves options to improve ~~these~~ services within those Functions' set budgets to ensure best value and delivery of the Council's agreed outcomes.

REMIT OF COMMITTEE

1. Budgets

The Committee will:

1.1 approve recommendations regarding the Council's resources including finance, staffing structures and property; and monitor all Council budgets including all Useable Reserves, and in particular:

1.1.1 scrutinise function budget monitoring reports and make decisions to ensure that Council spending is delivered on budget;

1.1.2 hold budget holders to account for the proper control of the budget for which they are responsible;

1.1.3 approve changes to the budget including vire between function budgets where this is in excess of the amount delegated to officers in the Financial Regulations and Powers Delegated to Officers;

1.1.4 consider and approve Outline and Full Business Cases for projects added to the Capital Programme outwith the budget process;

1.1.5 approve all non-capital programme procurement activity by the Council below £1m, and capital programme procurement activity irrespective of value, -including ÷

Procurement Business Cases submitted in accordance with the Procurement Regulations;

— Grants and associated conditions; and

— Contract management arrangements and Service Level Agreements

1.1.41.1.6 approve annual procurement workplans in respect of the Capital Programme;

- 1.1.51.1.7 approve Procurement Business Cases in respect of projects added to the Capital Programme outwith the budget process, submitted in accordance with Procurement Regulations;
- 1.1.61.1.8 approve the allocation of additional funding to, or removal of funding from, ~~to~~ existing projects, both capital and revenue;
- 1.1.71.1.9 approve the addition of new projects to the Capital Programme outwith the budget process;
- 1.1.81.1.10 approve use of the Council's Useable Reserves;
- 1.1.91.1.11 monitor the Code of Guidance on Funding External Bodies and Following the Public Pound and take such action as is required to ensure that the Council meets its duties;
- 1.1.101.1.12 receive Moody's formal credit rating reassessment; ~~and~~
- 1.1.111.1.13 approve financial guarantees, including requests received from relevant Admitted Bodies of the Pension Fund; ~~and~~
- 1.1.121.1.14 consider numbers and values of Council Tax, Non-Domestic Rates, Housing Benefit overpayments and Rent made unrecoverable, as required in terms of the Financial Regulations, and approve Non-Domestic Rates write-offs.
- 1.1.131.1.15 scrutinise the progress and delivery of capital projects against the approved business cases
- 1.1.141.1.16 review progress in the delivery of the benefits of the Capital Programme, including through the receipt and scrutiny of Post Project Evaluations (PPEs) and Post Occupancy Evaluations (POEs); and
- 1.1.151.1.17 request a report to allow for the detailed consideration of any project which is of particular concern or interest.

2. Service Delivery

- 2.1 The Committee will, for the Resources Function and the Commissioning Functions ~~and the City Growth, Governance and Strategic Place Planning Clusters~~:-
 - 2.1.1 oversee and make decisions relating to service delivery;
 - 2.1.2 approve options to improve/transform service delivery;
 - 2.1.3 scrutinise operational performance and service standards in line with the Performance Management Framework and consider recommendations for improvements where required;
 - 2.1.4 receive the cluster risk registers relative to its remit and scrutinise to ensure assurance that efficient controls are in place;
 - 2.1.5 approve all policies and strategies relative to its remit; and
 - 2.1.6 receive reports on inspections and peer reviews in order to ensure best practice and note any actions arising from those inspections and reviews.
- 2.2 In undertaking the aspects at 2.1, the Committee will ensure that it is acting within the budget set by Council and overseen by this Committee and in accordance with best value

and supporting delivery of the Council's agreed outcomes, commissioning intentions, service specifications and service standards.

3. City Growth and Strategic Place Planning

The Committee will:

- 3.1 approve reports to support the annual re-assessment of the Council's credit rating;
- 3.2 approve the Council's actions for city growth and place planning except in relation to major infrastructural planning ~~and the Local Development Plan~~;
- 3.3 oversee and approve the preparation of the Local Development Plan, subject to final approval thereon being given by Council; and
- 3.4 approve key actions required by the Council to facilitate the delivery of strategies (including partnership strategies) and the Inward Investment Plan to support city growth and place planning.

4. Property and Estates

The Committee will:

- 4.1 approve recommendations regarding the Council's assets, property and estates;
- 4.2 hear and determine requests for review under s86(10) of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 of decisions taken in respect of ~~against the refusal by officers to approve~~ community asset transfer requests;
- 4.3 approve the procedure for the Community Asset Transfer Review Sub Committee; and
- 4.4 approve the acquisition and disposal of land, and property.

Executive Leads: Directors of Resources and Commissioning and Chief Officer - Finance

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Aberdeen City Council (tracked changes included)

The Council reserves the following functions:

1. The setting of council tax in accordance with s93(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 or the setting of a reduced amount of council tax under s94 of that Act or paragraph 3 of Schedule 7 to that Act.
2. The setting of a balanced budget annually, including the setting of fees and charges, including the approval of commissioning intentions and service standards.
3. The approval of the capital programme.
4. The borrowing of money as provided for in s56(6)(d) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.
5. The approval of any annual investment strategy or annual investment report required by any consent issued by Scottish Ministers under s40 of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003.
6. The approval of the Council's Treasury Management Policy and Strategy.
7. The appointment of committees, including external members, and the number and allocation of committee places, the appointment and removal from office of the Lord Provost, Depute Provost, Leader or Co Leaders and/ or Depute Leader, Business Manager and Depute Business Manager, a convener for each committee and a vice convener as appropriate and the approval of senior councillor allowances.
8. The election of members to the Licensing Board.
9. The review of polling districts and polling places.
10. Subject to the Powers Delegated to Officers, the administration of trusts in respect of which the Council is sole trustee or the only trustees are elected members of the Council.
11. The approval of the Local Development Plan.
12. The approval of an Administration's political priorities.
13. The consideration of the Council's Delivery Plan.
14. The consideration of its annual report of its effectiveness and each committee's annual report of its effectiveness.
15. The consideration, where required, of reports by both the Standards Commission for Scotland and the Financial Conduct Authority, and the overseeing of members' standards of conduct.
16. The establishment of the Appointment Panel in accordance with the Standing Orders for Council, Committees and Sub Committees.
17. The approval of the Council's Scheme of Governance.
18. The approval of the Council/Committee Diary.

19. The approval of the Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils.
20. The establishment of Working Groups.
21. To consider any matter which the Council has previously considered and agreed to receive a further report.
22. To consider Monitoring Officer reports under Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
23. Making schemes for the reorganisation of educational endowments under section 112(2) or 112(3) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980.
24. To approve ~~all~~ internal and external commissioning activity by the Council, where the estimated contract value is in excess of £1m (~~in accordance with the commissioning cycle~~), with the exception of procurement relating to the Capital Programme which may be approved by the Finance and Resources Committee and in this regard:-

Analysis

- 24.1 to receive a bi-annual Population Needs Assessment to understand the needs which public bodies must address;
- 24.2 to receive, as appropriate, an in-depth analysis of key groups, priorities and challenges across public services to identify and action potential efficiencies and improvements to help ensure that the needs of customers and citizens are met and commissioning intentions are delivered; and
- 24.3 to receive, as appropriate, sufficiency and market analyses to understand existing and potential provider strengths and weaknesses, and identify and take action in respect of any opportunities for improvement or change in providers.

Planning

- 24.4 to endorse the refresh of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) including recommending any changes which may be required; and
- 24.5 to approve annual procurement workplans, reflecting the LOIP, the Population Needs Assessment, the Council's commissioning intentions, the Council's service standards, the views of customers and citizens, and the best evidence of effective interventions to ensure a preventative focus on demand reduction.

Doing

- ~~24.6~~ to approve all procurement activity by the Council where the estimated contract value is in excess of £1m (~~with the exception of procurement relating to the Capital Programme which may be approved by the Finance and Resources Committee~~); including
- ~~24.7~~ Procurement Business Cases submitted in accordance with Procurement Regulations; and
- ~~Grants and associated conditions;~~
- ~~Contract management arrangements and Service Level Agreements; and~~

~~24.8~~24.6 The establishment of Arm's Length External Organisations (ALEOs) where it is determined that services should not be provided in-house.

~~24.9~~24.7 when approving procurement activity, the Council will:

~~24.9.1~~24.7.1 _____ promote investment in the prevention, early intervention and reduction in the demand for services; consider the experience of customers and take such action to ensure that services to be commissioned are co-designed to meet customers' needs;

~~24.9.2~~24.7.2 _____ ensure that commissioned services are focused on delivering the Council's agreed commissioning intentions and contribution to the LOIP; and

~~24.7.3~~ identify potential efficiencies and improvements in quality, including across partner organisations and promote the strategic allocation of resources.

~~24.8~~ to establish Arm's Length External Organisations (ALEOs) where it is determined that services should not be provided in-house;

~~24.10~~24.9 to decommission services, including ALEOs, that do not meet the Council's commissioning intentions and outcomes;

~~24.11~~24.10 to take such action to ensure that appropriate supply management and capacity building (market facilitation) is in place to ensure a good mix of resilient service providers, that offer customers an element of choice in how their needs are met; and

~~24.12~~24.11 to approve the Strategy Framework to facilitate the delivery of agreed outcomes.

Reviewing

~~24.13~~24.12 to approve amendments to the Council's Performance Management Framework (PMF);

~~24.14~~24.13 to receive annual reports on the LOIP and Locality Partnership Plans;

~~24.15~~24.14 to consider and monitor performance associated with the Council's agreed commissioning intentions and ultimate contribution to the LOIP outcomes;

~~24.16~~24.15 to receive annual reports from each of the council's ALEOs to enable scrutiny of performance;

~~24.17~~24.16 to receive an annual procurement performance report to enable scrutiny of performance; and

~~24.18~~24.17 to receive reports on any changes in legislative requirements, policy and population needs which may facilitate opportunities to work differently to improve outcomes or may require revisions to existing commissioning intentions and outcomes.

However procurement relating to the Capital Programme may be approved by the Finance and Resources Committee.

For the avoidance of any doubt, this reservation 24 does not affect the Terms of Reference of the Pensions Committee, Aberdeen City Region Deal Joint Committee or Aberdeen City Integration Joint Board, and it does not prevent the exercise of delegated powers where authority is

delegated to officers under the Powers Delegated to Officers, Procurement Regulations or otherwise.

Executive Leads: Chief Executive and Chief Officer - Governance

Education and Children's Services Committee (tracked changes included)

PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE

To advise on and discharge the Council's functions as:

- ~~a) an~~ education authority as set out in the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 and all other relevant legislation and regulations where not otherwise delegated; ~~and~~
- ~~b) a social work authority as set out in the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 and all other relevant legislation and regulations where not otherwise delegated, in relation to children.~~

The ~~C~~committee will also:

- monitor the delivery of educational services undertaken as education authority (including community learning and development) and children's services provided by Integrated Children's and Family Services;
- receive assurance on the statutory and regulatory duties placed on the Council for Child Protection and Corporate Parenting;
- make recommendations in respect of school property matters to the ~~City Growth~~Finance and Resources Committee;
- scrutinise performance; and
- agree changes such as school zoning arrangements (within set budgets), or make recommendations to another committee, for improvements to functions related to education in order to ensure best value and delivery of the Council's agreed outcomes, commissioning intentions, service specifications and service standards.

REMIT OF COMMITTEE

1. Service Delivery and Performance

- 1.1 The Committee will, in respect of educational services (early years, ~~and~~ schools and community learning and development) and children's services provided by Integrated Children's and Family Services and ~~the management of the services delivered within the school estate undertaken by the Corporate Landlord:-~~
 - 1.1.1 oversee, and make decisions relating to, service delivery; (such decisions including those relating to population changes);
 - 1.1.2 approve options to improve/transform service delivery relative to the functions of the Council as education authority under the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 and all other relevant legislation and regulations and social work authority;
 - 1.1.3 scrutinise operational performance and service standards in line with the Performance Management Frameworks and consider recommendations for improvements where required;

- 1.1.4 receive the cluster risk registers relative to its remit and scrutinise to ensure assurance of the controls in place;
 - 1.1.5 approve all policies and strategies relative to its remit; and
 - 1.1.6 receive reports on school inspections and peer reviews in order to ensure best practice and note any resultant improvement actions arising from those inspections and reviews.
- 1.2 In undertaking the aspects at 1.1, the Committee will ensure that it is acting within the budget set by Council and is supporting the delivery of the Council's agreed outcomes, commissioning intentions and service standards.
- 1.3 The Committee may make recommendations to the appropriate committee(s) or sub committee(s) on matters/areas affecting educational services-its remit where the authority to approve sits within the remit of another committee or sub committee.

2. Child Protection

The Committee will receive assurance from the Child Protection Committee and the Children's Services Board on:

- 2.1 Services delivered to children and young people in need of care and protection including care experienced young people~~the impact and effectiveness of child support and protection improvement initiatives~~, including:
 - 2.1.1 delivery of national initiatives and local implications;
 - 2.1.2 learning from learning ~~from significant case~~ reviews;
 - 2.1.3 quality assurance;
 - 2.1.4 training and development; and
 - 2.1.5 local evidence-based initiatives;
- 2.2 effective working across child protection; and
- 2.3 statistics relating to the Child Protection Register and children and young people for whom the Council has Corporate Parenting responsibilities~~the Vulnerable People's Database~~, whilst noting that it has no remit to challenge entries.

The Committee will also:

- 2.4 receive assurance on the Council's compliance with statutory duties in respect of child poverty; and
- 2.5 consider the Chief Social Work Officer's Annual Report

EXTERNAL MEMBERSHIP

3. The Committee's membership will include seven persons who are not members of the Council but who have full membership of the Committee and voting rights in connection with advising on and discharging the functions of the Council as Education Authority only. The seven external members will be appointed by the Council at its statutory meeting (or other meeting as appropriate) as follows:-

~~1.~~ 3.1 three persons representing religious bodies in accordance with the requirements of s124(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973; and

~~2.~~ 3.2 in accordance with the discretion conferred by s124(3) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973:

~~2.1~~ 3.2.1 two teachers employed in educational establishments managed by the Council and nominated by the Teachers' Consultative Forum, comprising one representative from primary ~~(including nursery)~~, and one representative from secondary; and

~~2.2~~ 3.2.2 two parent representatives, selected by the Aberdeen City Parent Council Forum from within its own membership, comprising one representative from primary ~~(including nursery)~~ and one representative from secondary.

Executive Leads: Chief ~~Executive, Operating Officer and Chief Officer - Education and the Director of Customer Services~~ and Chief Officer – Integrated Children's and Family Services

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Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee

PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE

To monitor the delivery of all services and functions relating to net zero, the environment and transport; to scrutinise performance and approve options within set budgets to ensure best value and delivery of the Council's agreed outcomes; and to ensure that the Council has robust arrangements for the delivery of the Council's environmental targets and the meeting of its related statutory obligations.

The Pupil Climate Support Champion will be invited to attend one meeting a year as a non-voting contributor.

REMIT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee will:

1. Monitor the Council's compliance with its environmental targets, including its carbon budget, and statutory obligations, and any charters or memorandums of understanding which it enters, in relation to matters such as net zero, climate change, environmental sustainability, food growing and biodiversity.
2. Approve the annual Climate Change Report for submission to the Scottish Government.
3. Approve the Council's Climate Change Plan and monitor its delivery.
4. Approve the Council's Biodiversity Duty Report.
5. Monitor key performance indicators in relation to, and progress towards, the Council's decarbonisation pathway, climate adaptation and the 2045 target for zero carbon.
6. Consider environmental evidence and advice from the widest possible range of sources.
7. Oversee, and make decisions relating to, service delivery in respect of transport and roads matters, and approve options to improve/transform service delivery. This includes scrutiny of operational performance and service standards in line with the Performance Management Framework and considering recommendations for improvements where required.
8. Approve and oversee all transport and roads related policies, strategies, programmes, and projects.
9. Receive risk registers relative to its remit and scrutinise to ensure assurance of the controls in place.
10. Receive reports on inspections and peer reviews in order to ensure best practice and note any actions arising from those inspections and reviews.

11. Make recommendations to the appropriate Committee(s) or Sub Committee(s) on matters affecting its remit where the authority to approve sits within the remit of another Committee or Sub Committee.
12. In undertaking its remit, ensure that it is acting within the budget set by Council and is supporting the delivery of the Council's agreed outcomes, commissioning intentions and service standards.

Executive Leads: Director of Commissioning and Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning

ANTI-POVERTY AND INEQUALITY COMMITTEE

PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE

To monitor and determine the Council's contribution to alleviating and mitigating all forms of poverty and inequality in the city.

The Committee will develop an Anti-Poverty Strategy.

REMIT OF COMMITTEE

1. The Committee will, in respect of poverty and inequality issues in the city:
 - 1.1 Consider the impact of poverty on the city as a whole and targeted population levels, including on key groups such as children, minority ethnic communities and those of pensionable age who are known to be particularly disadvantaged by poverty;
 - 1.2 Consider the evidence from Citizen's Assemblies on poverty and inequality matters;
 - 1.3 Seek the views and involvement of those experiencing poverty and inequality; and
 - 1.4 Consider the effect of In-work Poverty and the Living Wage, including by receiving reports on Living Wage accreditation rates.
 - 1.5 Consider evidence of "what's worked" in combating poverty and inequality.
 - 1.6 Consider the impact of ongoing Welfare Reform measures, including by receiving reports on benefit access and uptake.
 - 1.7 Consider the impact of poverty on Employability and Youth Employment, including by receiving reports on employment rates and positive destinations.
 - 1.8 Consider the impact of Food Insecurity and Fuel Poverty, including by receiving reports on community food provision and energy cost impacts.
 - 1.9 Consider the impact of stigma and discrimination on those experiencing poverty.
 - 1.10 Consider the impact of poverty on the health and wellbeing of those experiencing it.
 - 1.11 Monitor the progress of research relevant to poverty and inequality, including in relation to health determinants
 - 1.12 Consider matters relating to the provision of Credit Unions, fair and affordable banking and advice services.
 - 1.13 Examine the nature of institutional and systemic discrimination in Aberdeen, and consider the steps required to eradicate such discrimination.

- 1.14 Monitor the performance of Council-funded community programmes and projects which seek to address poverty or inequality.

2 The Committee will:

- 2.1 agree the submission of Child Poverty Action Plans and Reports to the Scottish Government;
- 2.2 agree the submission of the Council's Equalities Mainstreaming Outcomes Reports to the Scottish Government; and
- 2.3 monitor the Memorandum of Understanding between the Council and the Department for Work and Pensions through receipt of an annual report.

External advisers:

Emphasising the close links with Community Planning Aberdeen's Anti-Poverty Group, the Committee will appoint advisers who are not members of the Council. These external advisers will be appointed by the Council at its statutory meeting (or other meeting as appropriate) as follows:

- 1 resident of Aberdeen with lived experience of poverty;
- Up to 2 people representing the charitable sector in Aberdeen;
- 1 person representing higher and further education in Aberdeen;
- 1 person representing key interest groups in Aberdeen (that may be appointed for a defined period of time); and
- 1 public health professional/practitioner who works in Aberdeen.

Executive Leads:- Director of Customer Services and Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment

AUDIT, RISK AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (tracked changes included)

PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE

To ensure that the Council has robust arrangements for:

- Good governance including information governance, surveillance, fraud, bribery and corruption;
- Maintaining an effective control environment through an effective approach to risk management; and
- Reporting on financial and performance reporting.

The Committee will also monitor the effectiveness of the Internal Audit function and the Council's implementation of its recommendations, as well as the implementation of the recommendations of its external auditors.

REMIT OF COMMITTEE

1. Risk Management

The Committee will ensure the effectiveness of the Council's risk management system and will:

- 1.1** receive an annual review of the system of risk management and an annual report on the corporate risk register and related action plans;
- 1.1.2** receive assurance that services are maintaining and reviewing Business Continuity Plans in accordance with the priorities allocated to them;
- 1.21.3** monitor the implementation of the Council's ALEO Assurance Framework by receiving reports from the ALEO Assurance Hub on the monitoring and mitigation of risks to the Council associated with its ALEOs;
- 1.31.4** receive an annual report in respect of the Council's information governance; [and](#)
- 1.41.5** approve all relevant policies.

2. Internal Audit

The Committee will:

- 2.1** approve the Internal Audit Annual Plan;
- 2.2** consider reports prepared by Internal Audit (with the exception of reports related to Pensions);
- 2.3** monitor compliance with Internal Audit recommendations (with the exception of reports related to Pensions); [and](#)
- 2.4** monitor the performance of Internal Audit.

3. External Audit

The Committee will:

- 3.1** consider reports prepared by the Council's External Auditor;
- 3.2** monitor the Council's relationship with the External Auditor;
- 3.3** receive reports from the Local Area Network; and
- 3.4** monitor compliance with External Audit recommendations.

4. Governance, Accounts and Finance

The Committee will:

- 4.1** approve the Council's Annual Report and Annual Accounts;
- 4.2** approve the annual governance statement;
- 4.3** approve and monitor the Council's Code of Corporate Governance and approve such action as appropriate; and
- 4.4** monitor the integrity of financial reporting, and governance processes and internal control functions and approve such action as appropriate.

5. Legal obligations

The Committee will:

- 5.1** consider reports in respect of the whistle blowing policy; and
- 5.2** monitor the Council's compliance with its statutory obligations relating to surveillance, information governance, bribery, corruption and fraud, including the approval of all relevant policies.

6. Scrutiny

The Committee will:

- 6.1** once a matter, process or practice has been the subject of a report to Council or committee (including internal and external audits) and the consideration of the matter concluded by Council or said committee action (with the exception of quasi judicial matters and the Appeals, Business Rates Appeals and Community Asset Transfer Review Sub Committees), the committee, to ensure good practice, can determine that further consideration is required. It will not prevent, or alter, any decision being taken and will only review the effectiveness of decision making, or monitoring and may make recommendations to the relevant committee or Council;
- 6.2** on occasion, where appropriate and as it sees fit, seek information from partner organisations, contractors or other stakeholders such as Community Councils or groups of interest on any particular issue;

6.3 request, where appropriate and in terms of any contract or agreement, representatives of external organisations to attend and contribute to meetings; and

6.4 receive reports from regulatory bodies and those providing external assurance such as the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman and Inspector of Crematoria, ensure that the Council responds appropriately and monitor compliance with recommendations.

Executive Leads: Director of Commissioning and Chief Officer – Governance

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Standing Orders 13, 16, 34 and 40 - Proposed Changes

13. Reports by Officers

- 13.1 Reports to the Council, Committees or Sub Committees will be in the name of the Chief Executive, Directors, Statutory and Chief Officers or by the Council's Internal or External Auditors; or by a representative of Police Scotland or the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.
- 13.2 Reports must be provided in draft to the following for consultation in accordance with the published timetable:
- 13.2.1 Chief Officer - Finance
 - 13.2.2 Chief Officer - Governance
 - 13.2.3 Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning
 - 13.2.4 Chief Executive
 - 13.2.5 Clerk
 - 13.2.6 ~~Administration Leaders~~ Co-Leaders (for reports to Council and the City Growth and Resources Committee only)
 - 13.2.7 Convener of the City Growth and Resources Committee
 - 13.2.8 Convener and Vice Convener of Council or the relevant Committee or Sub Committee
 - ~~13.2.9 Business Manager~~
 - 13.2.~~9~~10 Executive Lead for their respective committee

16. Rights of Members to Attend Meetings

- 16.1 Subject to Standing Orders 12.14, 16.2 and 16.3 any Member will be entitled to attend any Committee or Sub Committee meeting of which they are not a member and will, ~~with the consent of the Convener,~~ be entitled to ask questions or address the meeting.
- 16.1.1 The Member may not propose or second any motion or amendment or vote.
- 16.2 A Member cannot be present at a meeting of a Committee or Sub Committee for which they are not a member when all of the following three conditions apply:-
- 16.2.1 The press and public have been excluded from the meeting; **and**
 - 16.2.2 The meeting is likely to involve the taking of a decision which may affect the interests of any person or body following a hearing; **and**

- 16.2.3 The person or body has a right in terms of the law, Standing Orders or other administrative procedure, to be heard at that meeting in person or through a representative, for example the Appeals Sub Committee or Licensing Committee.
- 16.3 In respect of the following, Members will only be entitled to make representations through, as applicable, the formal statutory process or other procedure agreed by Council, Committee or Sub Committee:
- 16.3.1 quasi-judicial matters;
- 16.3.2 individual housing allocation decisions; or
- 16.3.3 reviews to be undertaken by the Community Asset Transfer Review Sub Committee.
- 16.4 Prior to sitting as a member or a substitute of the Pensions Committee and the Appeals Sub Committee, a Councillor must have undertaken the required training.

34. Referrals

- 34.1 Immediately following a vote at Committee or Sub Committee, at least one third of the membership of the Committee or Sub Committee may refer the matter to the Council, a Committee or Sub Committee for a decision (see Glossary for calculation).
- 34.1.1 With the exception of items of business which are of a Quasi-Judicial nature, a Member does not require to have participated in the initial vote to participate in a referral.
- 34.2 Subject to Standing Orders 34.3 and 34.4, should the matter be referred in terms of Standing Order 34.1, the Clerk will then arrange for the matter to be referred to the next meeting of Council, relevant Committee or Sub Committee for determination. For referrals to Council, where the next Council meeting is in the opinion of the Leader too late for the matter to be appropriately dealt with, the matter can instead be considered at a meeting of the Urgent Business Committee.
- 34.3 Standing Orders 34.1 and 34.2 will not apply to any proceedings relating to:-
- 34.3.1 The appointment of or retirement of staff;
- 34.3.2 Grievance or disciplinary appeals by staff;
- 34.3.3 School attendance;
- 34.3.4 Bursaries;
- 34.3.5 Admission of any particular child to school;
- 34.3.6 Provision of school transport for any particular child;
- 34.3.7 The granting of any licence, registration or certificate;
- 34.3.8 Assumption of parental rights or adoption in the case of any individual; or
- 34.3.9 Aids and adaptations to premises for the benefit of social work clients.

34.4 Where an item is referred to a meeting of the Council, Committee or Sub Committee, and it is not possible for the item to be open to the public for inspection at least three Clear Days before the meeting, the referring Committee or Sub Committee must specify why the item should be considered as a matter of urgency.

33.4.1 The Convener of the Council, Committee or Sub Committee to which the item is referred will then determine whether it is added to the agenda.

40. Length of Meetings

40.1 The Convener can call a break in proceedings at any time. Breaks in proceedings should be called on a regular basis and in consultation with the Executive Lead.

40.2 Meetings will not last longer than six hours (said duration including, for the avoidance of doubt, any break(s) in proceedings). For example, if a meeting begins at 10.00am, it shall not continue beyond 4.00pm - irrespective of the number and duration of any breaks. ~~where there has been no break in proceedings. On such occasions, there shall be a break in proceedings of no shorter than 20 minutes before the meeting goes beyond six hours.~~

~~40.2.1 For the avoidance of doubt, the calculation of six hours will not include any break in proceedings.~~

40.3 If the meeting is adjourned to another date, the Convener, following consultation with the Clerk, will determine the time and date that the meeting will resume.

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SCHEME OF GOVERNANCE - REMOVAL OF BUSINESS MANAGER (AND DEPUTE BUSINESS MANAGER)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

INTRODUCTION

10. Non material amendments to these committee and sub committee terms of reference can be made by the Chief Officer - Governance, following consultation with the ~~Business Manager Co-Leaders~~, without the requirement to report to Council or the appropriate parent committee.

URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE

PROCESS

- 1.1 A meeting of the Committee will be called by the Chief Officer - Governance on the instruction of the Chief Executive where the Chief Executive and the ~~Convener Business Manager~~ are satisfied that the relevant business is urgent.
- 1.2 The Chief Officer - Governance may subject to the ~~Business Manager Convener~~'s approval add further matters to the agenda of a meeting already called only where the Chief Executive and the ~~Business Manager Convener~~ are satisfied that the matters are urgent.

STANDING ORDERS

- 13.12 Any officer listed under Standing Order 13.1 will have the authority to withdraw his/her report from the agenda, following consultation with the ~~Co-Leaders Business Manager~~.

43. Amendments to Standing Orders

- 43.1 Non-material amendments can be made to the Standing Orders by the Chief Officer - Governance, following consultation with the ~~Co-Leaders Business Manager~~, without the requirement to report to Council.

POWERS DELEGATED TO OFFICERS

GENERAL DELEGATIONS TO CHIEF OFFICERS

39. To determine Participation Requests (requests by community participation bodies to participate in outcome improvement processes) under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015; and to inform the ~~Business Manager Co-Leaders~~, and members of affected wards, of the receipt and determination of any such requests.

CHIEF OFFICER - GOVERNANCE

General Legal/Governance

1. Following consultation with the ~~Co-Leaders~~Business Manager, to amend the Council's Scheme of Governance documentation to:
 - correct obvious, technical or clerical errors;
 - reflect the law (including changes to the law), government guidance, regulators' guidance, codes of conduct, codes of practice and Council policies and decisions;

CHIEF OFFICER - STRATEGIC PLACE PLANNING

General Delegations

6. To determine following consultation with the Chief Officer - Governance, the Convener of the Planning Development Management Committee and the ~~Co-Leaders~~Business Manager, whether to appeal a decision of the Scottish Ministers which overturned or modified a decision of the Council and thereafter, if applicable, to instruct the making of such an appeal.

August

2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3 <u>Special City Growth & Resources Committee (10am-2pm)</u>	4 Special City Growth & Resources Committee (2pm)	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Local Review Body (10am)	18	19	20	21
22 <u>IN SERVICE DAY</u>	23 <u>SCHOOL TERM STARTS</u> Licensing Board (10.30am)	24 Council (10.30am)	25 Planning Development Management Committee (10am) Pre Application Forum (2pm)	26	27	28
29	30	31 Operational Delivery Committee (10a-2pm)				

September

2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 Strategic Commissioning Committee (10am) 2pm Planning Development Management Committee (visits) (2pm) 9.30am	2	3	4
5	6 Licensing Committee (10am)	7	8 Education Operational Delivery Committee (10am)	9	10	11
12	13	14 Community Planning Aberdeen Board (2pm) Capital Programme Committee (10a) 2pm	15	16 Pensions Committee & Board (10:30am)	17	18
19	20	21 City Growth & Resources Committee (10am) 2pm	22	23 <u>SCHOOL HOLIDAY</u>	24	25

26 SCHOOL HOLIDAY	27 Audit, Risk & Scrutiny Committee (10a2pm)	28 Local Review Body (10am)	29 Planning Development Management Committee (10am) Pre Application Forum (2pm)	30		
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October

2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1	2
3 Staff Governance Committee (10a2pm)	4 Licensing Board (10.30am)	5	6 Planning Development Management Committee (visits) (9.30am)	7	8	9
10	11	12 Public Protection Committee (10am)	13 <u>Council (10:30am) IF REQUIRED</u>	14 <u>SCHOOL TERM END</u>	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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November

2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 <u>Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee (10am)</u> <u>Operational-Delivery Committee (2pm)</u>	2 <u>Special Finance and Resources Committee (10am)</u> <u>City Growth & Resources Committee (2pm)</u>	3 Planning Development Management Committee (10am) Pre Application Forum (2pm)	4	5	6
7	8 <u>Education and Children's Services Committee</u> <u>Education Operational-Delivery Committee (10am)</u>	9 Local Review Body (10am)	10 Planning Development Management Committee (Visits) (9:30am)	11	12	13
14	15 Licensing Committee (10am)	16	17 <u>Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee (10am)</u> <u>Strategic Commissioning Committee (2pm)</u>	18 <u>IN-SERVICE DAY</u>	19	20

21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Staff Governance Committee (10am-2pm)		<u>Anti Poverty Committee (10am)</u> <u>Capital Programme Committee (2pm)</u>				
28	29	30				
		Community Planning Aberdeen Board (2pm)				

December

2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 Planning Development Management Committee (10am) Pre Application Forum (2pm)	2	3	4
5 Local Review Body (10am)	6 Licensing Board (10.30am)	7 <u>Finance and Resources Committee (10am)</u>	8 Planning Development Management Committee (visits) (9.30am)	9	10	11

		City Growth & Resources Committee (2pm)				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Public Protection Committee (10am)	Audit, Risk & Scrutiny Committee (10am2pm)	Council (10:30am)		Pensions Committee & Board (10:30am)		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			<u>SCHOOL TERM ENDS</u>			
26	27	28	29	30	31	

January 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 <u>SCHOOL TERMS STARTS</u>	10 Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee (10am)	11 Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee (10am)	12 Planning Development Management Committee (10am) Pre Application Forum (2pm)	13	14	15
16 Staff Governance Committee (10am)	17 Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee (10am)	18 Local Review Body (10am)	19 Planning Development Management Committee (Visits) (9.30am if required)	20	21	22
23	24 Education and Children's Services Committee (10am)	25 Licensing Committee (10am)	26	27 Grampian Joint Valuation Board	28	29
30	31 Integration Joint Board (10am)					

February 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 Finance and Resources Committee (10am)	2 Audit Risk and Scrutiny Committee (10am)	3 City Regional Deal (10am)	4	5
6 Licensing Board (10am)	7	8 Local Review Body (10am)	9 Planning Development Management Committee (10am) Pre Application Forum (2pm)	10	11	12
13 <u>MID TERM HOLIDAY</u>	14 <u>IN-SERVICE DAY</u>	15 <u>IN-SERVICE DAY</u> Community Planning Aberdeen Board (CPA Board) 2pm	16 Planning Development Management Committee (Visits) (9.30am if required)	17	18	19
20	21 Clinical Care Governance Committee (10am)	22 Council (10:30am)	23	24	25	26
27	28 IJB Risk, Audit and Performance Committee (10am)					

March 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 Council Budget (10:30am)	2	3	4	5
6 Local Review Body (10am)	7 Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee (10am)	8 Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee (10am)	9 Planning Development Management Committee (10am) Pre Application Forum (2pm)	10	11	12
13 Staff Governance Committee (10am)	14 Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee (10am)	15 Licensing Committee (10am)	16 Planning Development Management Committee (Visits) (9.30am if required)	17	18	19
20	21 Education and Children's Services Committee (10am)	22	23 Audit Risk and Scrutiny Committee (10am)	24 Pensions Committee & Board (10am)	25	26
27	28 Integration Joint Board (10am)	29 Finance and Resources Committee (10am)	30	31 <u>SCHOOL TERM ENDS</u>		

April 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1	2
3 Licensing Board (10am)	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 <u>SCHOOL TERM STARTS</u>	18 Clinical Care Governance Committee (10am)	19 Local Review Body (10am) Community Planning Aberdeen Board (CPA Board) 2pm	20 Planning Development Management Committee (10am) Pre Application Forum (2pm)	21	22	23
24	25	26 Council (10:30am)	27 Planning Development Management Committee (Visits) (9.30am if required)	28	29	30

May 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 <u>MAY DAY HOLIDAY</u>	2 <u>IN-SERVICE DAY</u> IJB Risk, Audit and Performance Committee (10am)	3 Licensing Committee (10am)	4	5	6	7
8	9 Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee (10am)	10 Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee (10am)	11 Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee (10am)	12	13	14
15 Staff Governance Committee (10am)	16 Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee (10am)	17 Finance and Resources Committee (10am)	18	19	20	21
22	23 Education and Children's Services Committee (10am)	24 Local Review Body (10am)	25 Planning Development Management Committee (10am) Pre Application Forum (2pm)	26	27	28
29 Licensing Board (10am)	30	31				

June 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 Planning Development Management Committee (Visits) (9.30am if required)	2	3	4
5	6 IJB (10am)	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Council (10:30am)	15	16	17	18
19 Local Review Body (10am)	20 Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee (10am)	21 Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee (10am)	22 Planning Development Management Committee (10am) Pre Application Forum (2pm)	23 Pensions Committee & Board (10am) Pension Board Annual Meeting (to follow Committee)	24	25
26 Staff Governance Committee (10am)	27 Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee (10am) IJB Risk, Audit and Performance Committee (10am)	28 Licensing Committee (10am) CPA Board (2pm)	29 Planning Development Management Committee (Visits) (9.30am if required)	30 Grampian Joint Valuation Board		

July 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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3	4 Education and Children's Services Committee (10am)	5 Finance and Resources Committee (10am)	6 Communities Housing and Public Protection (10am)	7 <u>SCHOOL TERM ENDS</u>	8	9
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17 Licensing Board (10am)	18	19 Local Review Body (10am)	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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August 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 Clinical Care Governance Committee (10am)	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16 Local Review Body (10am)	17	18	19	20
21 <u>IN-SERVICE DAY</u>	22 <u>SCHOOL TERM STARTS</u>	23 Council (10:30am)	24 Planning Development Management Committee (10am) Pre Application Forum (2pm)	25	26	27
28	29 Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee (10am) IJB (10am)	30 Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee (10am)	31 Planning Development Management Committee (Visits) (9.30am if required)			

September 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 Grampian Joint Valuation Board	2	3
4 Staff Governance Committee (10am)	5 Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee (10am)	6 Licensing Committee (10am) Community Planning Aberdeen Board (CPA Board) 2pm	7	8	9	10
11 Local Review Body (10am)	12 Education and Children's Services Committee (10am)	13 Finance and Resources Committee (10am)	14 Audit Risk and Scrutiny Committee (10am)	15 Pensions Committee & Board (10am)	16	17
18	19 IJB Risk Audit and Performance Committee (10am)	20	21 Planning Development Management Committee (10am) Pre-Application Forum (2pm)	22 <u>MID TERM HOLIDAY</u>	23	24
25 <u>MID TERM HOLIDAY</u>	26 Licensing Board (10am)	27	28 Planning Development Management Committee (Visits) (9.30am if required)	29	30	

October 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Local Review Body (10am) IJB(10am)	11 Council (10:30am)	12	13 <u>SCHOOL TERM ENDS</u>	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 SCHOOL TERM STARTS	31 Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee (10am) Clinical Care Governance Committee (10am)					

November 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee (10am)	2 Planning Development Management Committee (10am) Pre Application Forum (2pm)	3 Grampian Joint Valuation Board	4	5
6	7	8 Licensing Committee (10am)	9 Planning Development Management Committee (Visits) (9.30am if required)	10	11	12
13 Staff Governance Committee (10am)	14 Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee (10am)	15 Local Review Body (10am)	16	17 <u>IN-SERVICE DAY</u>	18	19
20	21 Education and Children's Services Committee (10am)	22 Finance and Resources Committee (10am)	23 Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee (10am)	24	25	26
27 Licensing Board (10am)	28 IJB Risk, Audit and Performance Committee (10am)	29 Community Planning Aberdeen Board (CPA Board) 2pm	30			

December 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2	3
4	5 IJB (10am)	6	7 Planning Development Management Committee (10am) Pre Application Forum (2pm)	8	9	10
11	12 Local Review Body (10am)	13 Council (10:30am)	14 Planning Development Management Committee (Visits) (9.30am if required)	15 Pensions Committee & Board (10am)	16	17
18	19	20	21 <u>SCHOOL TERM ENDS</u>	22	23	24
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Member / Officer Void Properties Working Group

Terms of Reference

Purpose

The Working Group will monitor and consider performance relating to the void property rate across Council housing.

Remit

- Monitor void housing property performance data
- Monitor risk and issues relating to void property
- Monitor the impact of performance improvement work identified
- Refer reports to the appropriate Committee

Membership

- Cllr Boulton
- Cllr Delaney
- Cllr Macdonald
- Cllr Massey
- Cllr Radley
- Cllr Stewart
- Chief Officer – Capital
- Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord
- Chief Officer – Early Intervention and Community Empowerment
- Chief Officer – Operations and Protective Services
- Susan McLeod – Quality Assurance and Performance Management Manager

Governance:

There will be no identified Chair for the Working Group. Meetings will be agenda led with the appropriate officer leading the discussion as required.

Substitutes are welcomed where a core member is unable to attend.

Other officers may be invited to the meeting as required to assist with discussions.

Meetings will be organised on an eight week cycle, to allow one meeting between each Committee meeting.

Meeting papers will be issued three days in advance of each meeting.

Meeting administration will be through a Teams channel, with reports and actions held centrally, and access restricted appropriately.

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Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee

PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE:

To monitor and oversee the delivery of:

- services provided by the Customer Function;
- services provided by the Operations Function (excluding services within the remit of the Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee and the Education and Children's Services Committee); and
- all other Council housing functions (with the exception of capital building programmes).

To promote the health and wellbeing of the residents of Aberdeen and inclusive, equal communities.

To receive assurance on the statutory and regulatory duties placed on the Council for public protection in relation to:

- Adult Support and Protection;
- Protective Services;
- Civil Contingency responsibilities for local resilience and prevention; and
- Building Control.

To undertake the Council's duties in relation to the Police and Fire and Rescue Services under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012.

REMIT OF COMMITTEE

1. Service Delivery and Performance

1.1 The Committee will, for the Customer Function, the Operations Function (subject to the exclusions noted above) and the Council housing functions described above:

1.1.1 oversee, and make decisions relating to, service delivery;

1.1.2 approve options to improve/transform service delivery;

1.1.3 scrutinise operational performance and service standards in line with the Performance Management Framework and consider recommendations for improvements where required (including in relation to the Housing Revenue Account);

1.1.4 receive risk registers relative to its remit and scrutinise to ensure assurance of the controls in place;

1.1.5 approve all policies and strategies relative to its remit; and

1.1.6 receive reports on inspections and peer reviews in order to ensure best practice and note any actions arising from those inspections and reviews.

1.2 In undertaking the aspects at 1.1, the Committee will ensure that it is acting within the budget set by Council and is supporting the delivery of the Council's agreed outcomes, commissioning intentions and service standards.

- 1.3 The Committee may make recommendations to the appropriate Committee(s) or Sub Committee(s) on matters affecting its remit where the authority to approve sits within the remit of another Committee or Sub Committee.
- 1.4 In particular, the Committee will:
 - 1.4.1 consider and determine Asset Transfer Requests made under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015;
 - 1.4.2 review and oversee the management of council-managed open spaces, and oversee the development and operation of a Community Environmental Improvement Fund;
 - 1.4.3 monitor the work of leased community centres and work with the management committees of these community centres to enhance the important services and activities they provide with their allocated budget; and
 - 1.4.4 monitor the establishment and operation of Citizens' Assemblies, receiving a report on each Assembly meeting (noting that any such Assembly related to Poverty or Inequality comes under the responsibility of the Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee); and

PUBLIC PROTECTION

2. The Committee will receive, amongst other reports relating to the Council's statutory and regulatory duties for public protection, reports:
 - 2.1 providing assurance on the Council's duty to deliver an effective adult justice service as determined by statutory inspections;
 - 2.2 summarising findings from statutory sampling and analysis work carried out by or on behalf of the Environmental Health and Trading Standards services to ensure compliance with required standards;
 - 2.3 providing assurance in respect of the Council's performance in relation to Trading Standards, Environmental Health (including the Public Mortuary) and Scientific Services, including external inspection and audit reports relating to these services;
 - 2.4 to monitor compliance with the Council's duties relating to the provision of mortuary facilities and their adequacy for responding to mass fatalities;
 - 2.5 on any work taken to tackle underage sales in the city;
 - 2.6 on major incidents and fatal accident inquiries and any resulting impact and responsibilities placed on the Council;
 - 2.7 outlining activity by Building Standards in relation to public safety and dangerous buildings;
 - 2.8 outlining activity by Building Standards in relation to public safety and unauthorised building work and the unauthorised occupation of buildings;

- 2.9 providing assurance from the Adult Protection Committee on the impact and effectiveness of adult support and protection improvement initiatives, including:
- delivery of national initiatives and local implications;
 - learning from learning reviews;
 - quality assurance;
 - training and development;
 - local evidence-based initiatives;
 - effective working on adult protection; ; and
 - statistics relating to the Adult Protection Register (whilst noting that it has no remit to challenge entries);
- 2.10 relating to the Chief Social Work Officer's Annual Report insofar as it relates to adult services, for assurance purposes;
- 2.11 on the nature of institutional and systemic discrimination in the City of Aberdeen, and the steps required to eradicate such discrimination;
- 2.12 to monitor compliance with the Council's duties relating to resilience and local emergencies;
- 2.13 concerning relevant local, regional and national 'lessons learnt' reports and recommendations in respect of civil contingency matters and monitor their implementation;
- 2.14 to monitor the Council's preparedness in relation to the National CONTEST strategy and associated plans relating to Counter Terrorism;
- 2.15 to contribute to and comment on the Strategic Police Plan and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Plan when consulted by the relevant national authority, in terms of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 and the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 respectively;
- 2.16 to respond to consultations by the Chief Constable on the designation of local commanders and by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on the designation of local senior officers;
- 2.17 to be involved in the setting of priorities and objectives, both for the policing of Aberdeen and for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in the undertaking of its functions in Aberdeen;
- 2.18 to specify policing measures the Council wishes the local commander to include in a Local Police Plan;
- 2.19 to approve a Local Police Plan submitted by the local commander and approve a Local Fire and Rescue Plan (including a revised plan) submitted by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service;
- 2.20 on police and fire and rescue service provision and delivery in Aberdeen and provide feedback to the local commander and the local senior officer;

- 2.21 to consider reports, statistical information and other information about the policing of Aberdeen and the undertaking of the Fire and Rescue function in Aberdeen provided in response to the Council's reasonable requests;
- 2.22 to agree, with the local commander, modifications to an approved Local Police Plan at any time;
- 2.23 to liaise with the local commander and local senior officer with regard to the undertaking by them of the community planning duties of the Chief Constable and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and
- 2.24 on the establishment and operation of a Road Safety Fund, in order to agree and monitor the implementation of measures funded (note: decisions on transport are reserved to the Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee).

Executive Leads:- Director of Customer Services and Chief Officer – Early Intervention and Community Empowerment

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Council
DATE	24 August 2022
EXEMPT	No
CONFIDENTIAL	No
REPORT TITLE	City Centre and Beach Masterplan
REPORT NUMBER	RES/22/173
DIRECTOR	Steven Whyte
CHIEF OFFICER	David Dunne
REPORT AUTHOR	David Dunne
TERMS OF REFERENCE	21

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report brings together a number of different workstreams and presents a recalibrated, place-led, masterplan report for both the City Centre and the Beach. The report also provides Members with an update on design work underway to develop a high-quality urban realm around the new Aberdeen Market building, as well as a general update on a number of other City Centre projects.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council:

City Centre and Beach Masterplan

- 2.1 Note the progress made on the City Centre Recovery Workplan and how this work has, and will continue, to inform the review of the City Centre Masterplan over the short, medium and longer term (Appendix 1).
- 2.2 Approve the City Centre and Beach Masterplan 2022 (Appendix 2), noting that it is a live document and instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to keep this report under review, with progress reported to Full Council after 12 months.
- 2.3 Note that £12,030,000 has been granted by Transport Scotland to Aberdeen City Council to work with partners in the North East Bus Alliance to develop and deliver bus priority interventions (Bus Partnership fund); and that this programme includes a specific package for City Centre interventions.
- 2.4 Note that, to address specific issues around vacant buildings, aspects of Empty Property Relief will be devolved to local authorities on 1 April 2023, allowing local authorities to make decisions based on their own local needs.
- 2.5 Note that on 26 May 2022 the Planning Development Management Committee approved an extension of the Affordable Housing Waiver mentioned in Section

4.8 of the City Centre and Beach Masterplan 2022 (Appendix 2) until September 2022 and agree to further extend the Waiver until 31 December 2025.

- 2.6 Note the progress and update in the City Centre and Beach Masterplan 2022 (Appendix 2) in relation to the Union Street building works programme, and the focus on the pilot project between 107-131 Union Street and note that a further update will be reported to the Full Council meeting in December 2022.

Market Streetscape

- 2.7 Note the progress made on design development for Phases 1 and 2 of the Market Streetscape area (Appendix 4) and instruct the Director of Resources to prepare a Full Business Case to be reported back to Full Council by the end of 2022.
- 2.8 Note the engagement that has taken place on the Market Streetscape proposals to date (Appendix 5) and note that the Director of Resources will continue to engage key stakeholders as designs for this area develop.

Spaces For People

- 2.9 Agree that a question on the temporary Spaces for People measures at the Beach be included in the upcoming public consultation exercise on the Draft Beach Development Framework and report a recommendation on the future of these measures to Full Council in December 2022.

3. CURRENT SITUATION

City Centre and Beach Masterplan – Relevant Background

- 3.1 At Full Council in June 2015 Members unanimously agreed the Aberdeen City Centre Masterplan (CCMP) and Delivery Programme and agreed in principle the interventions contained within.
- 3.2 Following the dramatic changes to the city brought about by the Covid-19 public health emergency, in May 2021 a Workplan (Blueprint for Recovery) was approved by the Council's City Growth and Resources Committee. The workplan was to inform the review of the City Centre Masterplan over the short (year 1), medium (years 2-4) and long term (year 5+) and outlined the scope of work necessary to deliver the objectives of the City Centre Masterplan review. Progress made on the workplan to date is outlined in Appendix 1.
- 3.3 An interim review of the City Centre Masterplan was subsequently approved by the Council's City Growth and Resources Committee at its meeting on 25 August 2021. This review did not replace or supersede the City Centre Masterplan, but instead recognised that many CCMP 2015 projects are not within the direct control of Aberdeen City Council and may no longer be relevant given changing priorities brought about by the public health emergency. Members therefore agreed in the short-term to focus Council resources and attention on a number of intervention areas that the Council itself could progress as priorities to help the City's wider socio-economic post-pandemic recovery.

- 3.4 As part of this exercise, in July 2021 a stakeholder engagement exercise entitled “The Future of Aberdeen City Centre and the Beach” was undertaken. Two of the top ten priorities from this exercise were to improve connections from the Beach to the City Centre (Priority 7) and to improve connections from the City Centre to the Beach (Priority 10). The Beach as a location for a new stadium was also listed (Priority 4).
- 3.5 Following Committee approval of CCMP Masterplan Review exercise, Hub North Scotland (HubNS) were engaged by the Council to act as Project Management Office for the procurement and management of the design, consultancy and technical work for the various priority streetscape interventions and public realm works, and to develop technical studies in inform development of a new Beach Masterplan.
- 3.6 In November 2021, the Council’s City Growth and Resources Committee considered 3 masterplan options for the Beach and instructed development of a Beach Development Framework to sit as a sister document to the City Centre Masterplan 2015.
- 3.7 In February 2022, Members subsequently instructed Officers to “recalibrate” the City Centre Masterplan 2015 to incorporate both the Beach and a separate exercise for George Street, and to report the result to this Full Council meeting (August 2022).

City Centre and Beach Masterplan – Content and Purpose

- 3.8 The City Centre and Beach Masterplan 2022 is attached to this report at Appendix 2. This document is a strategic, place-led, project-focused, overview which sits above the existing suite of more site specific masterplan reports. The existing City Centre Masterplan and Beach Development Framework are not superseded by this strategic report, and ongoing work on production of a Mini Masterplan for George Street will also continue as planned. This relationship is illustrated in Figure 1.

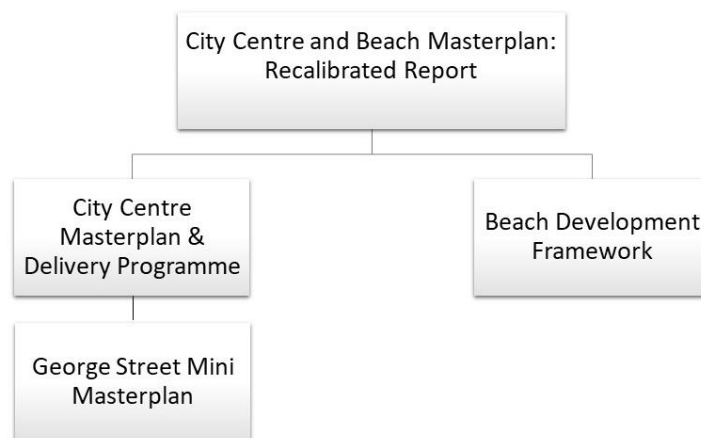


Figure 1: Strategy Relationships

- 3.9 The City Centre and Beach Masterplan sets out revised areas of study and the current context in which those areas are proposed to be developed. This includes a review of lessons learned since 2015 and changes in both legislative policy and guidance at both local and national levels. The current socio-economic landscape has been analysed, alongside a focus on both environmental and economic sustainability in the current climate emergency. Current city trends have also been reviewed to ensure that the future vision for Aberdeen aligns with the current and future market demands of this evolving context.
- 3.10 The City Centre and Beach Masterplan includes a SMART objectives review process to ensure that it can be measured against the four key stakeholder messaging pillars of: Economy, Inclusion, Net Zero and Quality. A robust movement strategy also illustrates the principle of a connected city, prioritising the needs of those walking, cycling, wheeling and using public transport.
- 3.11 It is intended that the City Centre and Beach Masterplan will serve the following purposes:
- An investment tool that showcases the city;
 - A live programme that can be flexible in responding to current and future trends/needs;
 - A communications tool to enable understanding; and
 - A reference document to identify priorities, next steps and monitor progress.
- 3.12 The City Centre and Beach Masterplan has been informed by the Scottish Government's City Centre Recovery Task Force Report from March 2022 which, co-produced, with the Scottish Cities Alliance, sets out the impact of the Covid-19 public health emergency on city centres. This report recognises that the immediate priorities to support city centre recovery must address the harms caused by the pandemic, empower our communities and places, and support inclusive and sustainable economic development – all in line with the Scottish Government's Covid Recovery Strategy and ten-year National Strategy for Economic Transformation (NSET). For Aberdeen this means working to maximise the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of our city centre and its residents and visitors and supporting the creation of new employment opportunities. A key part of this is supporting connections through clean and efficient active travel and transport routes connecting people and place.
- 3.13 Table 1, below, outlines how the City Centre and Beach Masterplan is aligned with the five-year outcomes for city centre recovery set out in the Task Force Report:

Table 1: Assessment of CCMP & Beach Masterplan against National Outcomes for City Centre Recovery

National Five-Year Outcomes for City Centre Recovery	CCMP & Beach Masterplan 2022
1. Increased residential capacity and occupancy in city centres	The Masterplan recognises that living in the city centre is a positive way to ensure it has vibrancy, vitality and viability and to support an economy based around day-to-day living. A City Centre Living Enabling Plan has been prepared on this basis, with the primary objective to add 3,000 new residents to the city centre by 2040.
2. Smaller city centre carbon footprint	Following production of a Net Zero Vision for Aberdeen (2020), the Net Zero Aberdeen Routemap was produced collaboratively and approved in February 2022. The Masterplan recognises that it will be critical to ensure drivers for climate and sustainability are embedded and delivered in the City Centre and Beach Masterplan objectives; and that the projects within the plan do everything possible to align with existing and emerging climate, food, sustainable travel, resource efficiency and nature commitments, targets, strategies, policies and plans. This will include building adaption and a reduction in car journeys, with a focus on multi modal opportunities and bus priority works funded by the successful bid to the Bus Partnership Fund. Development of an Aberdeen Rapid Transit (ART) system running on priority corridors will also allow a competitive, affordable and efficient new mode of public transport.
3. Reduction in the amount of vacant and derelict land and property	As reported to Full Council in February and June 2022, work on identifying occupiers, owners and vacant properties on Union Street has been undertaken and a high-level review of proposed interventions has been prepared. A pilot project from Market Street to Bridge Street has been identified, and progress on an implementation plan for 107-131 Union Street will be reported to Full Council later this year. It is also noted that, to address specific issues around vacant buildings, aspects of Empty Property Relief will be devolved to local authorities on 1 April 2023, allowing local authorities to make decisions based on their own local needs.
4. Increase in city centre creative,	Progress on masterplan projects within the City Centre focused on creative activity will continue to be reported on, including EC05 Aberdeen

entrepreneurial and startup activity	Creative Space and CM08 Independent Aberdeen. Officers are looking to increase access to start up and business support through the Business Gateway in the city. The Scottish Government has also committed £42m for the establishment of ‘tech scaler hubs’ in Scotland, including Aberdeen. The objective is for tech founders to scale up their companies by accessing support in the hubs. Codebase has been awarded the contract to deliver the hubs and officers will work with them to develop the concept. Smart City work will also continue.
5. More revenue raising opportunities for local authorities	Opportunities for revenue raising can be considered as Business Cases for Council projects progress.
6. Reduction in oversupply of retail, and increase in cultural offer	The new Aberdeen Market project will re-purpose vacant prime retail sites to showcase our food, drink and creative industries.
7. Faster and more agile planning decisions	The Council’s planning authority will continue to work with Scottish Government on, for example, the ongoing consultation on changes to Permitted Development Rights, many of which propose changes which will impact on City Centre projects.

3.14 In addition to the table, above, Appendix 3 sets out how the City Centre and Beach Masterplan meets a number of objectives of the Council’s Policy Agreement, as approved at the statutory Council meeting in May 2022.

3.15 The City Centre and Beach Masterplan will be treated as a “live” document and kept under review by Officers. Progress on the projects in the Masterplan will be reported to Full Council on an annual basis, with the opportunity at that point for any changes in circumstances to be flagged and managed.

3.16 It should be noted that the indicative delivery programme presented in section 8.1 of the City Centre and Beach Masterplan presents an estimated timeline for project delivery. This is subject to review and will evolve as project detail progresses, likely resulting in projects being delivered in sequence rather than in simultaneously as impacts on city centre operations are mitigated.

3.17 In terms of the next 12 months, the Masterplan sets out the following key steps / programme:

- Extension of the Council’s current Affordable Housing Waiver until 31 December 2025. This waiver was originally introduced in September 2018 to stimulate delivery of housing in the city centre and has proved a successful measure in bringing forward new City Living developments to date.

- Draft Mini Masterplan for George Street prepared and reported to Council by end of this year.
- Applications for statutory consents submitted for Café Culture in the Belmont Street Zone.
- Full Business Case for the following City Centre Streetscape Projects reported to Full Council by end of this year: Union Street Central, Schoolhill & Upperkirgate, Union Street East & Castlegate, Union Street West & West End and (subject to recommendation 2.7 above) the area around the new Market.
- Strategic Business Case for Queen Street to be reported to Full Council by end of this year.
- Progress updates on Outline and Full Business Cases for all Beach projects reported to Full Council in December 2022.

Market Streetscape

- 3.18 At Full Council on 28 February 2022, Members agreed a design concept masterplan for public realm improvements in the area around the new Aberdeen Market building (Merchant Quarter and the Green), subject to minor text amendments and changes to phasing. Officers were subsequently instructed to develop detailed design for the Phase 1 and Phase 2 areas in consultation with key stakeholders, with the results reported back to Full Council in August 2022. Appendix 4 includes a Phase 1 and 2 Design Development report, with Appendix 5 providing a summary and outcomes of recent consultation and engagement on these proposals.
- 3.19 Planning permission for the new Aberdeen Market building was approved in May 2022 (Application Reference 211517/DPP). The new building will include a mixture of uses including retail, food and drink and leisure. The first phases of streetscape delivery to support the new Market will be focused on achieving improved accessibility and wayfinding between the new Market and Public Transport hubs/Union Square.
- 3.20 The key aspects of Phase 1 and Phase 2 proposals contained within this report (and at Appendix 4) therefore include:

Phase 1:

- Streets to be included in phase: Guild Street crossing, Wapping Street, Carmelite Street, Hadden Street crossing.
- This phase will be key in creating the connection between Union Street, the market and the bus and rail stations via Carmelite Street.
- This phase will improve the through-route from the market across Hadden Street, down Carmelite Street onto Wapping Street, Guild Street and into the train/ bus station.
- This initial phase will also see accessible parking provision improved on Hadden Street for ease of access to the Market.

Phase 2:

- Streets to be included in phase: Carmelite Lane, East Green, Carnegie's Brae, Netherkirkgate, St Nicholas Street, St Nicholas Lane, Hadden Street
- Phase 2 is focused on the regeneration of Carmelite Lane, East Green, Carnegie's Brae, Netherkirkgate, St Nicholas Street, St Nicholas Lane and Hadden Street.
- Carmelite Lane involves implementing street greening and enhanced lighting.
- Carnegie's Brae at present is a particularly uninviting and potentially dangerous route. The proposals include improving this route, by creating a new smooth surface which is more pleasant underfoot, cleaning and lighting the historic arches and through the introduction of an immersive light/art installation which creates an exciting experience.
- At East Green, the project is focused on the restoration of historic setts, improvement of accessibility and the activation of the street with spill-out seating and lighting to complement the Market's ground floor uses.
- The redevelopment of St Nicholas Street aims to create a key space off the main thoroughfare of Union Street where people can dwell and spend time. Ample seating, greening and space for events would create a pivotal moment within the city centre.

3.21 Phase 3 is not part of the current report and will be presented at a later date. In summary however, proposals for this area would include The Green and the Back Wynd Steps, making good of existing paving and rationalising spillout seating and eateries. This later phase would also include enhancements to Stirling Street and Exchange Street in the form of making good existing paving.

3.22 A period of targeted engagement on the streetscape proposals took place from Friday 8 July to Monday 25 July. As well as a press release and social media posts from the Council's accounts, the consultation period included a letter drop to properties in the Market Streetscape area advising of the consultation and inviting people to attend a drop-in event to discuss the proposals with the design team. This drop-in was held on Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 July between 2-6pm at the Maritime Museum. Consultation material available at the drop-in was also hosted online for anyone unable to attend, alongside an online questionnaire which allowed feedback to be submitted online. A total of 44 people attended the drop-in sessions, with 114 written submissions made in total.

3.23 A report on the recent consultation and engagement is available in Appendix 5. In summary, 77% of respondents considered that the proposals will create a more pleasant walking and wheeling route between the stations and Union Street (77% responding as 'yes' or 'yes with reservations'). The top ten points raised during the consultation are listed in Table 2 (below), alongside a response to the points raised.

Table 2: Review of Top Ten Points Arising From Market Streetscape Consultation

<i>You said...</i>	<i>We will...</i>
Not enough open/green civic space as part of the plans	Aim to incorporate as much greening and open space into the proposals and will continue to review this as designs develop. There may also be opportunity to incorporate more greening within The Green, this doesn't form part of the initial phase 1 & 2 of the market streetscape and will be explored at a later date.
Wider transport changes unclear and problematic	Ensure a more detailed access and circulation plan for the Market area has been prepared. Traffic changes proposed to support market streetscape will be the subject of a separate statutory consultation, called an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO,) to commence in the last quarter of 2022. Any traffic comments made as part of the market streetscape will be reviewed by the Council as part of the preparation of the ETRO.
No more commercial space is required	Note this. However, the market building was not part of this consultation. The proposed new market will be a destination venue that attracts additional footfall to the city centre.
Safe bike storage/improved infrastructure needed	Review these comments as designs progress. Cycle parking and bike tool stations will be incorporated into the proposals. Traffic changes being promoted by the wider City Centre Masterplan will support an increase in cycle and wheeling activity, with through car trips removed. The Market area ETRO proposals specifically seek to reduce through traffic, rationalising routes and movements. Many of these changes will contribute towards an environment which is more conducive to cycling activity.
Pedestrianisation is inconsistent across the proposals	Ensure the Market area ETRO proposals specifically seek to reduce through traffic, rationalising routes and movements. Many of these changes will contribute towards an environment which is more pedestrian friendly.
Generally unresponsive	Note this.
Great opportunity to use the space but required more imaginative ideas	Explore, with partners, opportunities to curate events and activates that will animate and activate the improve public streetscape that supports the vibrancy of The Green and Merchant Quarter.
More greenery needed	Aim to incorporate as much greening into the proposals as is possible.
Affordability	Note this comment. The Council is committed to investing in the future of the City Centre.

Ensure pop up space	Deliver pop up space. The plans will accommodate this: Pop up space is available in The Green and St Nicholas Street. Carnegie's Brae also, depending on the type of pop up.
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- 3.24 In terms of next steps for this area, Members are asked to approve the further design development work that has been undertaken since Full Council in February 2022, and to instruct the Director of Resources to prepare a Full Business Case to be reported back by the end of 2022. Phase 1 delivery is proposed to be delivered to coincide with the completion of the Market project.

Additional CCMP / Beach Projects

- 3.25 An update on the additional City Centre streetscape projects (Schoolhill and Upperkirkgate, Union Street East and Castlegate, Union Street West and the West End) was reported to Full Council in June 2022. Business cases for each of these areas is scheduled to be reported back to Full Council by the end of 2022. Design development continues on each of these areas, with further stakeholder engagement on the proposals planned in autumn 2022.

Spaces For People

- 3.26 Members of the Council's City Growth and Resources Committee on 13 November 2021 instructed that Spaces For People measures at the Beach be retained whilst consideration is given to any permanent scheme proposed for this area. Public consultation on the Draft Beach Development Framework was approved by Full Council at its June 2022 meeting and is scheduled to begin in late August / early September 2022. In tandem, work is currently ongoing on developing Traffic Management measures to support both the Beach and City Centre proposals and to ensure enhanced connectivity for active and sustainable transport modes between the two locations. Officers propose to include a question on the future of the Spaces for People measures at the Beach as part of the upcoming public consultation exercise on the Draft Beach Development Framework and report a recommendation on the future of these temporary measures to Full Council in December 2022.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Council Budget meeting on 10 March 2021 outlined a funding commitment totalling £150m from the General Fund Capital Programme over financial years 2021/22 to 2025/26 to ensure the Council transforms the City Centre and the Beach area. This £150m funding commitment was used as match funding for the first £20m bid to the UK Government's Levelling Up Fund in 2021, and the second £20m bid submitted in 2022.
- 4.2 The Council will continue to facilitate the next phase of design works with Hub North Scotland Limited and the supply chain of current contractors who will undertake works relating to two or more workstreams allowing lower cost.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The City Centre and Beach Masterplan recalibration report (Appendix 2) will inform planning applications, but each application will be decided on a case-by-case basis by the Planning Authority.
- 5.2 As project proposals from the recalibration report progress, they will be examined and managed within the professional scope of property / conveyancing industry accepted standards, ensuring all due diligence exercises and pre-contract enquiries are complete and satisfactory.
- 5.3 Any work that is recommended to a property not owned by the Council will require effective dialogue and the owner's consent before it can commence. Other local authority consents, such as planning permission and listed building consent, may also be required for works to buildings.
- 5.4 All changes to vehicular movement on the road network are subject to statutory processes.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. The City Centre and Beach Masterplan recalibration report (Appendix 2) will be screened through the Strategic Environmental Assessment process. This screening process will be circulated to the consultation authorities (Nature Scot, Scottish Environment Protection Agency and Historic Environment Scotland (for Scottish Ministers)) and be informed by both the Local Development Plan Environmental Report and the ongoing production of the Beach Development Framework Environmental Report.

7. RISK

Category	Risks	Primary Controls/Control Actions to achieve Target Risk Level	*Target Risk Level (L, M or H) *taking into account controls/control actions	*Does Target Risk Level Match Appetite Set?
Strategic Risk	Not delivering CCMP and Beach projects	Full programme of works developed, funding approvals in place at key stages	L	Yes
Compliance	ETRO/TRO challenge	Manage through ongoing engagement programme	M	Yes
Operational	Sufficient capacity of	Forward planning through CCMP and	M	Yes

	resources within Councils teams to meet programme objectives	Beach project delivery programme Resource review ongoing and augmented support through the PMO		
Financial	Budget pressures due to current market volatility	Robust budgets established. Independent monitoring process established. With PMO early supply chain mitigations action plan established across the programme	M	Yes
Reputational	Continued debate without decision, ongoing uncertainty over city centre future	Agree and implement projects, clear communications, articulate vision	M	Yes
Environment / Climate	Air quality improvement Active travel Local material supply	Incorporated into project proposals. Early engagement underway with material suppliers	M	Yes

8. OUTCOMES

<u>COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN</u>	
	Impact of Report
Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement	Supports the delivery of Economy Policy Statement 4 – Increase city centre footfall through delivery of the City Centre Masterplan. 1. – Continue to maximise community benefit from major developments.
<u>Aberdeen City Local Outcome Improvement Plan</u>	
Prosperous Economy Stretch Outcomes	Supports Outcome 1 10% increase in employment across priority and volume growth sectors by 2026.
Prosperous People Stretch Outcomes	Supports Outcome 7 Child Friendly City which supports all children to prosper and engage actively with their communities by 2026.

Prosperous Place Stretch Outcomes	Supports Outcome 14 Addressing climate change by reducing Aberdeen's carbon emissions by 42.5% by 2026 and adapting to the impacts of our changing climate Supports Outcome 15 38% of people walking and 5% of people cycling as main mode of travel by 2026.
Regional and City Strategies	<p>The report supports the priorities in the Regional Economic Strategy (RES) investment in infrastructure, regenerating our city centre, unlock development potential, improve the deployment of low carbon transport, to enable Aberdeen to realise development opportunities in the City Centre Masterplan.</p> <p>The report supports the National, Regional and Local Transport Strategies, particularly the Sustainable Travel Hierarchy, which prioritises the needs of those walking, wheeling and cycling above other road users, and the 4 pillars identified in the recent Regional Transport Strategy, Nestrans 2040: Equality, Climate, Prosperity and Wellbeing.</p> <p>It also supports the Aberdeen Active Travel Plan and Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan, both of which seek to improve conditions for people walking and cycling in Aberdeen, particularly to, from and within the City Centre, through the provision of more and safer infrastructure.</p> <p>Measures to reduce unnecessary vehicle traffic in the City Centre will support the Air Quality Action Plan, Climate Change Plan, Net Zero Action Plan and Low Emission Zone by contributing to emissions reduction.</p>

9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Integrated Impact Assessment	Undertaken as part of separate project update reports
Data Protection Impact Assessment	N/A
Other	Strategic Environmental Assessment

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Aberdeen City Centre Masterplan
<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/strategy-performance-andstatistics/city-centre-masterplan>
- Report to City Growth and Resources 25 August 2021
<https://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/documents/s123828/CCMP%20Review%20Report%20-%20Final%20Version.pdf>
- Committee Decisions 25 August 2021
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- Report to City Growth and Resources 12 November 2021
<https://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/documents/s126154/Combined%20City%20and%20Beach%20Covering%20Report%20-%20Covering%20Report.pdf>
- Committee Decisions 12 November 2021
<https://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/documents/g8139/Decisions%2012th-Nov-2021%2013.00%20City%20Growth%20and%20Resources%20Committee.pdf?T=2>
- Report to Council 28 February 2022
 - City Centre:
<https://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/documents/s129266/220228%20City%20Centre%20Masterplan%20Update%20Report.pdf>
 - Beach:
<https://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/documents/s129276/Council%20-%20Beachmasterplan%20Progress%20Update.pdf>
- Council Decisions 28 February 2022
<https://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/documents/g8184/Decisions%20028th-Feb-2022%2010.30%20Council.pdf?T=2>
- Report to Planning Development Management Committee 26 May 2022
<https://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=348&MId=7982>
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 - Beach
<https://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/documents/s133385/Beachfront%20Masterplan%20290622.pdf>
- Council Decisions 29 June 2022
<https://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/documents/g8188/Decisions%2029th-Jun-2022%2010.30%20Council.pdf?T=2>

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Appendix 1:	City Centre Recovery Workplan – Progress Update
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Appendix 1 – City Centre Recovery Workplan – Progress Update

SHORT TERM (YEAR ONE) BLUEPRINT FOR RECOVERY (Table 1)

CCMP Review Objective	Tasks	Lead Chief Officer	Timescale	Governance Oversight <i>(to be confirmed following Council decision on Committee Structures)</i>	Progress Update – August 2022
1. To facilitate the short-term economic recovery through the re-opening of existing CCMP projects, acceleration of completion of existing projects under construction and the continued exploration of how regulatory powers can be used differently to facilitate business innovation.	Re-opening campaign to support the re-opening of CCMP projects	City Growth	Short		Complete
	Complete the construction of Provost Skene’s House, Union Terrace Gardens	Capital	Short	Capital Committee	Provost Skene’s House was re-opened in October 2021. Union Terrace Gardens works are on-going and are expected to be complete later this year.
	Launch opening campaigns for Provost Skene House and Union Terrace Gardens	City Growth	Short	City Growth & Resources Committee	PSH Complete
	Develop the case for a more permanent change to the requirements of the regulatory system to	Strategic Place Planning	Short	Planning Development Management Committee	The Planning Authority will continue to work with Scottish Government on, for example, the

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	meet the needs of the City				ongoing consultation on changes to Permitted Development Rights, many of which propose changes which will impact on City Centre projects. Innovative ways to “streamline” the process of applying for consents and receiving pre-application advice will continued to be developed in the context of statutory requirements.
	Renew the Business Gateway contract to ensure it is focused on supporting recovery from Covid for city centre businesses	City Growth	Short	CG&R	The renewed Business Gateway contract placed an emphasis on place based support including the city centre. For example, a series of workshops were delivered to support independent retailers. In addition, officers are exploring the opportunity to establish a Business Gateway

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	Develop a full business case for Council delivery of redevelopment of the former Aberdeen Market and BHS site linked to design works for public realm improvements to Union Street (central) and Green area	Corporate Landlord, Capital, Strategic Place Planning	Short	City Growth & Resources, Capital, Strategic Place Planning Committees	presence in the city centre to provide easy access to business support. The City Centre and Beach Masterplan includes a progress update on the new Market development and explains how this project acts as a key development in the wider context of City Centre Recovery. Planning permission for the new Market building was granted in May 2022 (Application Reference 211517/DPP). The new building will include a mixture of uses including retail, food and drink and leisure. The first phases of streetscape delivery to support the new Market accompanies this report to Full Council (Appendix 4) and focuses on achieving improved accessibility and wayfinding between the new

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					Market and Public Transport hubs/Union Square. Progress on development of the Market and associated streetscape will be included in the annual review of the City Centre and Beach Masterplan.
	Design works for current City Centre interventions on Union Street, West End, George Street and Schoolhill	Capital	Short	City Growth & Resources, Capital Committees	The City Centre and Beach Masterplan discusses how these projects fit together in the wider context of City Centre recovery. Strategic visions for streetscape projects on Union Street Central, Union Street West, the West End, Union Street East and Castlegate have been reported to Committees during 2021 and business cases for each of these areas will be reported back to Full Council by the end of 2022. A separate Mini Masterplan for the George Street area is also currently underway, with a draft

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					to be reported to Full Council by end of 2022. George Street will ultimately be incorporated into the City Centre and Beach Masterplan once preparation of the Mini Masterplan for this area is completed.
	Scope and procure necessary demolition contract(s) for Queen Street to include Police Headquarters and Shoe Lane, pending acquisition	Capital	Short	Capital Committee	Surveys are currently underway at the former Queen Street Police Headquarters to inform consideration of options for inclusion in a Strategic Business Case for the Queen Street area.
	Procure a development partner to develop options for the redevelopment of Queen Street	Resources	Short	City Growth & Resources	Strategic Business Case for Queen Street scheduled to be presented to Council later this year.
	Design works for Castlegate area (linked	Capital	Short	City Growth & Resources,	The City Centre and Beach Masterplan highlights the importance of the Castlegate

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	to Beach Connectivity Study below)			Capital Committees	and the Justice Street roundabout as key connectivity points between the City Centre and the Beach which are in need of improvement. Strategic visions for streetscape improvements for the Castlegate have been reported to Committee in 2021, and a business case for this area will be reported back to Full Council by the end of 2022. This will include proposals for enhanced connectivity to the beach.
2. To capitalise on the city's new and developing tourism and cultural attractions, supporting exhibition and event programmes for	Exhibition and Events Programme	City Growth	Short	City Growth & Resources Committee	As the city emerged from covid 19 a number of the planned events have been delivered including Spectra and NuArt. The Grand Depart for the Tour of Britain is at the beginning of September followed by the new Wonderland festival, True North

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2021/22 – eg the British Art Show, Zandra Rhodes Exhibition, Tour of Britain					and the Comedy Festival. Visiting exhibitions to Aberdeen Art Gallery included the British Art Show, Zandra Rhodes 50 Years of Fabulous, Galloway Hoard and the Book of Deer.
	Undertake a Connectivity Study, identifying options to connect the Beach to City Centre	Strategic Place Planning	Short	City Growth & Resources Committee	As noted above, the City Centre and Beach Masterplan highlights the importance of the Castlegate and the Justice Street roundabout as key connectivity points between the City Centre and the Beach which are in need of improvement. Officers are currently developing an Outline Business Case based on the redevelopment of the Justice Street roundabout 'at grade'. In order to do this, work has started to develop the necessary technical studies which, combined with analysis of economic, social and

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					<p>environmental benefits, will be presented to Council in Q1 of 2023. It is recognised that the development of the existing roundabout is inextricably linked to the emerging proposals for the Beach Boulevard and hence these projects will be developed as a coordinated piece of work. The opportunity exists for a ‘connectivity vision’ leading to transportation, environmental and urban realm improvements which will positively impact on the current junction and surrounding buildings e.g. Hanover Street School and the Health Village.</p>
	Develop a Masterplan for the redevelopment of the Beach, identify a sports development partner for the Council and proceed	Director of Resources	Short	City Growth & Resources, Capital, Planning Development	The City Centre and Beach Masterplan provides a strategic focus for both the City Centre and Beach masterplanning areas, bringing these areas

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	through the stages of business plan, budget and procurement approval.			Management Committees	together. Under this strategic document sits a Draft Beachfront Development Framework which was approved at Full Council in June 2022 for a period of public consultation. The Beachfront Development Framework identifies a vision, opportunities, areas for potential changes and future design principles and parameters for the future development of this area.
3. To develop an approach for engaging with the public and businesses on the short, medium and long term changes required within the city centre and the beach	Develop a communications programme and appropriate questionnaire	Strategic Place Planning	Short	Corporate Management Team	The City Centre and Beach Masterplan sets out the vision and objectives for key projects, alongside our future commitments for public and stakeholder engagement. To date this engagement has included targeted sessions on areas with key stakeholders, as well as (in July 2021) a wide-reaching public engagement

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					exercise entitled “The Future of Aberdeen City Centre and the Beach”. Engagement plans for individual projects are also being prepared and will be treated as live documents.
4. To consider the implications on city centre footfall as a result of the seismic changes which are happening within the retail sector, the increased levels of sustained hybrid working which are anticipated postpandemic and develop solutions to mitigate this anticipated reduction	North East of Scotland Performs economic database, Economic Policy Panel	City Growth	Short	City Growth & Resources Committee	North East Performs is the Economic Performance Monitoring Framework for the North East of Scotland. It includes key economic indicators against which progress can be assessed covering economic, productivity and inclusive and sustainable growth. It also includes specific analysis of the city centre around footfall, spend, vacancy rates, labour market statistics etc.

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5. To consider how the regulatory system across planning, and licensing can facilitate the re-purposing of buildings to enable increased city centre living	Explore how the planning system could be used further to support development – review of developer obligations, develop Planning Advice specific spatial guidance for City Centre and explore potential “levers” that are within the control of the Council to set or outline.	Strategic Place Planning	Short	Planning Development Management Committee	The City Centre and Beach Masterplan recognises that living in the city centre is a positive way to ensure it has vibrancy, vitality and viability and to support an economy based around day-to-day living. A City Centre Living Enabling Plan has been prepared on this basis, with the primary objective to add 3,000 new residents to the city centre by 2040. A recommendation to extend the current Affordable Housing Waiver until 31 December 2025 is included within the recommendations of this report to Council. The Waiver will also inform relevant new local planning advice / guidance to sit alongside the emerging Local Development Plan.

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6. To integrate our environmental thinking (from a place and economy perspective) into the prioritisation and planning of the next wave of CCMP projects over the short, medium term and long term	Review the Spaces for People Interventions and consult with the public about which interventions to retain	Strategic Place Planning	Short	City Growth & Resources Committee	The public engagement exercise entitled “The Future of Aberdeen City Centre and the Beach” undertaken in July 2021 began this discussion, and a recommendation on further consultation on Spaces For People measures at the Beach is included in this report to Council.
	Explore the benefits which can be gained through the LEZ, including parking strategy/ planning policy guidance	Strategic Place Planning	Short	City Growth & Resources Committee	On 19 May 2022, Scottish Ministers confirmed their approval of a preferred Low Emission Zone (LEZ) for Aberdeen, allowing Aberdeen City Council to formally declare its LEZ on 30 May 2022. Work has since commenced on implementation of the LEZ in advance of the expiration of the 2-year grace period, encompassing establishment of the enforcement camera system and appropriate boundary and

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					strategic road signage. The designation of the LEZ will be a key element in considering any relevant new local planning guidance/ advice to sit alongside the emerging Local Development Plan.
	Implement the electric vehicle infrastructure as per City Growth & Resources Committee instruction	Strategic Place Planning	Short	City Growth & Resources Committee	Aberdeen's EV Framework - covering 5 and 10 year periods - was adopted in February 2021. This has seen both rapid and fast chargers installed at a number of sites across the city, including Virginia Street car park and Summer Street car park in the city centre. All new chargers are capable of recharging 2 vehicles at once and will be fully operational by the end of the year. A number of existing chargers are also scheduled for replacement.

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					<p>Further installations beyond this will be informed by a funded business case, currently being undertaken by consultants Urban Foresight and funded by Transport Scotland and the Scottish Futures trust. This will look at how the Council can work with other organisations, including private firms, to roll out further EV charging infrastructure, up to 2045 and what levels of funding – public, Council and from Transport Scotland - may be required to facilitate this. This will consider opportunities for charging hubs, off-street charging and on-street charging. The work looks at Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Highland Councils together. The business case is due to be</p>

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					completed by late summer 2022.

MEDIUM AND LONG TERM BLUEPRINT FOR RECOVERY (Table 2)

CCMP Review Objective	Tasks	Lead Chief Officer	Timescale	Governance Oversight	Progress Update – August 2022
7. To consider the implications on city centre footfall as a result of the seismic changes which are happening within the retail sector and the increased levels of sustained hybrid working which are anticipated post the pandemic and consider solutions to mitigating this anticipated reduction		City Growth	Medium	City Growth & Resources Committee	UPDATE TO FOLLOW – currently being factored into streetscape and urban realm projects
8. To integrate our environmental thinking (from a place and economy perspective) into the prioritisation and planning of		Strategic Place Planning	Medium	City Growth & Resources Committee	UPDATE TO FOLLOW - currently being factored into streetscape and urban realm projects

CCMP Review Objective	Tasks	Lead Chief Officer	Timescale	Governance Oversight	Progress Update – August 2022
the next wave of CCMP projects over the short, medium term and long term					
9. To integrate our smart city thinking more deliberately within the prioritisation and planning of future waves of CCMP projects over the medium and long term	To work with Microsoft, on their clean cities initiative	Digital	Medium		ACC is currently refreshing the Smart City strategy and action plan, liaising with partners to focus on key themes for the city. This will align with emerging opportunities to be delivered through the CCMP
10. To determine our long-term objectives (year 5+) arising from the review and ensure the aims and objectives of the CCMP reflect these			Long		The City Centre and Beach Masterplan sets the strategic vision and objectives for the longer term.

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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City Centre and Beach Masterplan (2022) provides an excellent opportunity for the City of Aberdeen to assess the needs of its citizens, look toward the future and create a progressive plan of action for the betterment of all.

The current socio-economic landscape has been analysed in a post-pandemic world where spaces for people have rightly been prioritised with a renewed focus on both environmental and economic sustainability in the current climate emergency. City trends have also been reviewed to ensure that the future vision for Aberdeen aligns with the current and future market demands of this evolving context.

The Masterplan is set out, together with a SMART objectives review process to ensure that it can be measured against the four key stakeholder pillars:

- Economy,
- Inclusion,
- Net Zero and
- Quality.

The Masterplan projects illustrate a coordinated approach to the future development across the city centre and nearby beachfront. A robust movement strategy illustrates the principle of a connected city by prioritising the needs of those walking, cycling, wheeling and using public transport.

The stakeholder and delivery programme set out the next steps of the Masterplan, highlighting key stages, events and identifying funding, implementation and maintenance strategies. The Masterplan will be a live programme that will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure progress, relevance and deliverability.

Many of the projects being progressed will provide high quality spaces and activities that are free to use for everyone. The projects, both within the city centre and the beachfront, include significant new planting opportunities, improving the natural environment throughout the development area. Key examples include a new urban park at the beach and the creation of public spaces and event opportunities.

The urban park projects within the beach area will also provide a major new play area that will benefit children and young people across a spectrum of ages and interests. Opportunities for incidental play in the city centre streetscape projects and the prioritisation of active travel measures will encourage activity and improve the health and wellbeing of residents.



AERIAL VIEW OF CITY CENTRE AND BEACH MASTERPLAN BOUNDARY, LOOKING NORTH

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The Aberdeen City Centre Masterplan (CCMP) and Delivery Programme was approved unanimously in 2015 by Aberdeen City Council. Its purpose was to create a regeneration blueprint to transform the city centre while conserving Aberdeen's proud heritage to ensure greater economic prosperity and a better quality of life for all.

Due to the significant economic, social and environmental changes in the previous 6 years, including the Covid 19 pandemic, in May 2021 the Council undertook a review of the 2015 CCMP in conjunction with the development of a new Beachfront Development Framework and George Street Mini Masterplan.

That review afforded the opportunity to consider how a framework for economic recovery in the short, medium and long terms could be provided, and a basis from which to monitor and consider the impact of structural changes that the pandemic had accelerated, alongside the implications for the future of the city centre. This included, for example, the loss of retail, the impact of home working and the effects on consumer and business confidence and behaviour. The review also presented an opportunity to re-evaluate the role of cultural and other assets in the city and their importance in supporting recovery in the tourism, leisure and hospitality sectors.

This review did not replace or supersede the City Centre Masterplan, but instead recognised that many CCMP 2015 projects are not within the direct control of Aberdeen City Council and may no longer be relevant given changing priorities brought about by the public health emergency. The Council therefore agreed in the short-term to focus resources and attention on a number of intervention areas that the Council itself could progress as priorities to help the City's wider socio-economic post-pandemic recovery.

Following this, in February 2022 the Council announced its intention to recalibrate the City Centre Masterplan to incorporate the Beach and George Street master planning exercises. This was instructed to provide a cohesive, strategic overview and framework for all Masterplan projects and ensure these are aligned within an overarching vision.

It is intended that this recalibrated City Centre and Beach Masterplan (2022) will serve the following purposes:

- An investment tool that showcases the city
- A live programme that can be flexible in responding to future trends/needs
- A communications tool to enable understanding of what the City Centre and Beach Masterplan is about
- A reference document to identify priorities, next steps and monitor progress.

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is an iterative review process that plans and programmes must undergo to ensure that significant environmental effects arising are identified, assessed and mitigated in order to integrate environmental considerations into strategic decision-making. An assessment will be undertaken to combine existing Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA) for the City Centre and

the Beach in line with this recalibrated report. This assessment will be screened under the SEA process to confirm that all areas have been appropriately considered.

This report will be a live document that will be updated annually to record progress against delivery. All the proposed changes to the city centre and beach areas are informed by engagement with stakeholders including children and young people, public transport operators, residents, and traders. A child friendly version of this report in a more graphical format will also be prepared.

The audience for this report is anyone with an interest in the city centre and beach. From an engagement perspective, we have identified the following audiences:

- Key stakeholders representing a range of interest groups that are relevant to the individual project objectives
- Technical Stakeholders such as statutory consultees and regulatory bodies
- Immediate neighbours for the individual projects
- Children and young people, including the Aberdeen Youth Parliament
- All Aberdeen residents and businesses, alongside those within the wider Aberdeen City region who travel into the city for leisure or business
- National and international investors and visitors

The annual update will report on progress against the key objectives of the City Centre and Beach Masterplan and comment on any changes or external influences that may impact on it, as well as update on progress of delivery of key projects. It will also provide a look ahead to the next year on delivery of the Masterplan.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.2 VISION

The vision for the City Centre and Beach Masterplan is:

TO CREATE A WORLD CLASS CITY CENTRE AND BEACH THAT RESPECTS AND ENHANCES ABERDEEN'S UNIQUE QUALITIES AND CHARACTERISTICS AND PUTS PEOPLE AT ITS HEART.

As well as being appropriate for both the city centre and beach, the vision reflects the aspirations of a number of key plans including the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) which was refreshed in 2021 to reflect the additional challenges brought on by Covid 19. The ambition of the Council and its Community Planning Partners remains that Aberdeen should be a place where “all people can prosper”.

Under each LOIP theme, the Community Planning Partnership has developed 15 goals that it is working to achieve over the next seven years. The City Centre and Beach Masterplan will directly contribute to a number of these goals as follows:

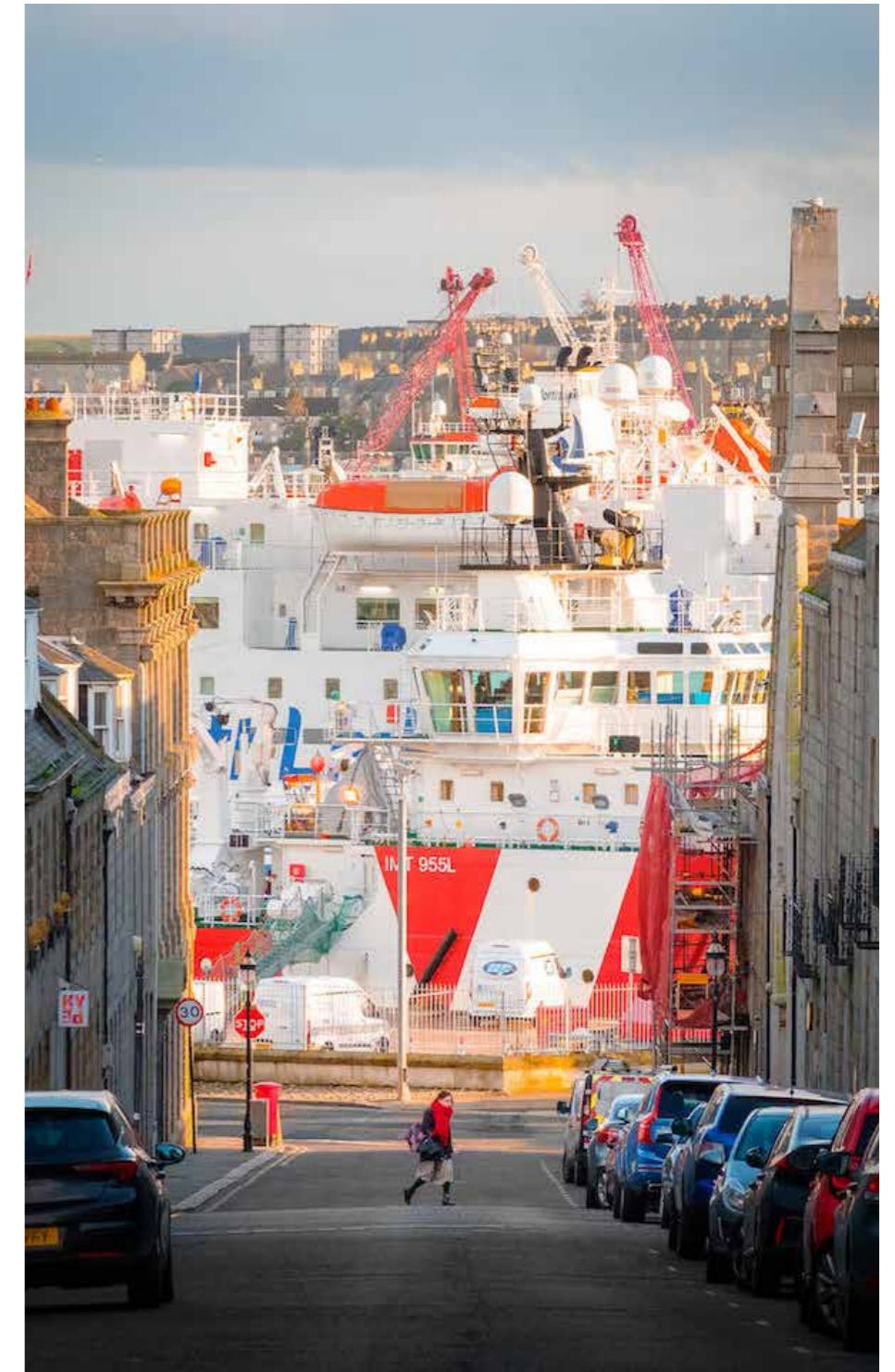
Economy – the 3no. economic goals of the LOIP relate to eradicating poverty, supporting 400 residents into Fair Work and enabling 500 residents to upskill and move into economic opportunity. Delivery of the City Centre and Beach Masterplan will both directly and indirectly contribute to these employment and upskilling goals, therefore tackling poverty.

People – the 9no. people goals relate to both children and young people, as well as adults, and delivery of the Masterplan can have a positive impact on many. For example, our bespoke children and young people engagement will deliver Masterplan related curriculum and work experience opportunities which can support educational attainment and positive destinations, whilst also ensuring the child-friendly goals are supported by enabling children and young people consultation and participation. The new public realm in the city and at the beach will support healthy living for residents and visitors of all ages.

Place – a major objective of the Masterplan, and a goal of the Place theme of the LOIP, is to increase sustainable travel. The proposed transport changes in the city and at the beach will directly support this. The Masterplan will also contribute to the other two goals of reducing carbon emissions and protecting areas for nature.

All projects delivered by the Council and its partners, including the City Centre and Beach Masterplan, should help to deliver the themes of the LOIP. When considering the overarching objectives for the City Centre and Beach Masterplan, we have reflected on the LOIP themes and propose the Masterplan objectives should be: Economy, Inclusion, Net Zero and Quality.

As individual projects are brought forward within the Masterplan, they should be assessed against these objectives.



THE NEW URBANISM CREATED BY COMPACT GROWTH IN ABERDEEN
SOURCE: ABZOLUTELY

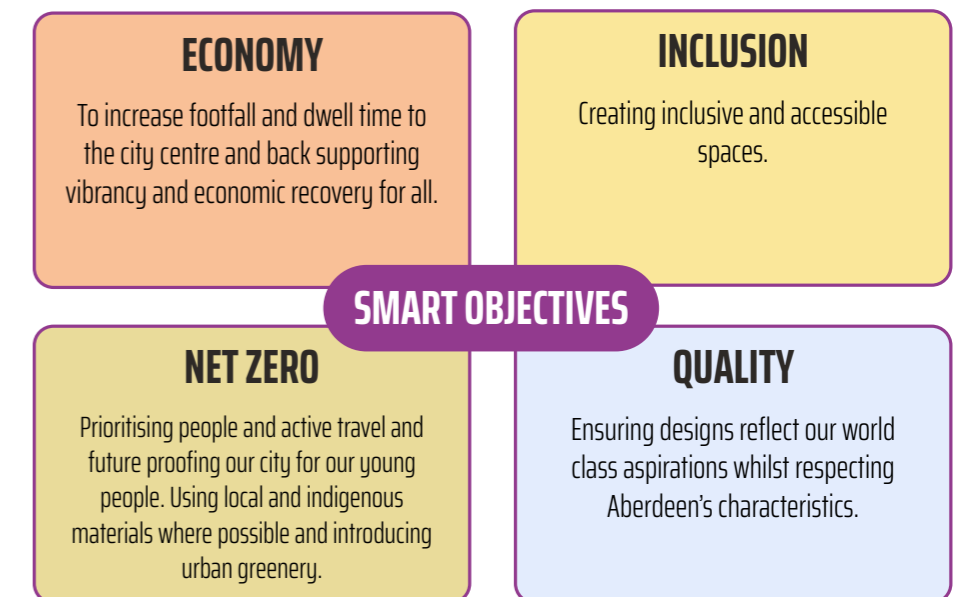
2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.3 SMART OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVE	WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?	MEASUREMENT
MASTERPLAN		
City centre population growth	More people live, work, and use city centre facilities	3,000 extra people living in the city centre by 2040
Increased Gross Value Added	Still having the highest GVA per head in Scotland	£s per annum
Reduction in crime (actual)	Offences and crime figures in a downward trend in the city centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30% fewer young people (12 to 17) charged with an offence and a crime by 2026 • 2% fewer people re-convicted within one year by 2026 • 1 point increase (4.31 -> 5.31) (/7) in the mean score for people who "Feel safe in the city centre throughout the day and night" by 2026
Increased footfall in the city centre	More locals, visitors and tourists visiting Aberdeen throughout the year	10% increase in daily average footfall in the city Centre by 2026
Reduced Office/Retail vacancy rates in the city centre	Less empty office/retail space in the city centre	2% (13.99% -> 11.99%) decrease in the office vacancy and 1% (6.39% -> 5.39%) decrease in the retail vacancy rate in the city centre by 2026
Increased ease of walking and cycling around Aberdeen	More active travel across all demographics	30% (1,244 -> 1,617) increase in average daily cycling in the city centre by 2026.
Reduction in car journeys in the centre	Less cars in the city centre	20% reduction in average daily traffic flow by 2026
Reduction in CO ₂ /NO ₂ emissions	Ongoing reductions in CO ₂ /NO ₂ emissions in the city centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By at least 61% by 2026 and NZC by 2045 • Reduce NO₂ to <35ug/m3 annual mean in the city centre by 2026.
Increased educational attainment, skills, and life-long learning	Improved education outcomes	To match or be under Scotland's density of skills gaps in each occupation groupings (High Skilled, Middle Skilled, Service and Labour Intensive) by 2026

OBJECTIVE	WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?	MEASUREMENT
CITY CENTRE		
Contractor's labour from the local area	Greater use of local labour pool	60% Local labour employed
Creation of new jobs	Construction jobs over build period and market jobs (catering, cleaning, management, and operations)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 - 120 new Construction Jobs - Public Realm • 150 - 175 new Construction Jobs - Market • 250 new Market Jobs
Attracting regional and local businesses into the new Market	New businesses attracted to the city centre	20 - 40 new businesses
Creation of new public realm space leading to increased satisfaction with the city centre	Improved perception of city centre from residents and visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 62,559 m2 new public realm space • Increased life satisfaction in Aberdeen - 1 point increase (7.21 -> 8.21) in the level of "Life Satisfaction" in Aberdeen residents by 2026 • Increased happiness in Aberdeen - 1 point increase (7.17 -> 8.17) in the level of "Happy" in Aberdeen residents by 2026 • Increased green space for city residents - 1 point (5.2 -> 6.2) increase in the level Aberdeen Central Residents score for "Can you regularly experience good quality natural space? This includes a wide variety of environments from parks and woodlands to green space alongside paths and streets"
Reduction in city centre congestion	Bus journey times reduced, more buses on time etc	Buses generally on time 75% (64% -> 75%) of the time
Materials sourced from the local area	Greater use of locally sourced materials such as granite	30 - 50% of net Construction Costs to be local materials

OBJECTIVE	WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?	MEASUREMENT
BEACH		
Increased footfall and revenue at the Beach Ballroom and other Beach Leisure Facilities	Facilities are more popular, have greater footfall and generate more profits	100% Footfall and 100% revenue increases (Leisure and Ballroom only)
Creation of free public realm and open park/play space, leading to increased satisfaction with the Beach area	Improved perception of Beach from residents and visitors	2,000 m ² - Decrease in the average distance (m) for city centre Residents to nearest Park, Garden or Playing Field.
Reduction in car journeys at the Beachfront	Less cars in the Beach front area	20% (12,552 -> 10,042) reduction in all vehicle journeys at the beachfront
Creation of new jobs directly associated with new Leisure offering at the Beach	Increase in jobs in Aberdeen	30 new Leisure Jobs by 2025
Materials sourced from the local area	Greater use of locally sourced materials such as granite	20 to 30% of net Construction Costs to be local materials
Contractor's labour from the local area	Greater use of local labour pool	50% Local labour employed



Measuring success of any Masterplan requires an understanding of the baseline you start at and what the key objectives are that you want to achieve. A set of SMART (Specific Measurable Achievable Relevant Timely) Objectives with metrics and owners has therefore been developed for the City Centre and Beach Masterplan informed by Aberdeen City Council's vision for the city, the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and recent Economic Performance Reports.

A process for ownership, management, and reporting of the SMART Objectives has been developed where the baseline metrics will be established and regularly reported

against to allow success to be measured. Some areas of data are already being measured by the Council and other Public Sector bodies and we will measure others such as construction related employment and amount of locally sourced materials.

These SMART Objectives will deliver against the four Masterplan objectives of Economy, Inclusion, Net Zero and Quality. A summary of the measures and metrics are shown in the table above and the full suite of SMART Objectives are included in Appendix 01.

SMART (SPECIFIC MEASURABLE ACHIEVABLE RELEVANT TIMELY) OBJECTIVES

3.0 AREA OF FOCUS

3.1 ABERDEEN CITY CENTRE + BEACH MASTERPLAN CONSULTATION + ENGAGEMENT

In 2014/15 the City Centre Masterplan was prepared following an extensive engagement exercise. This included three rounds of consultation with stakeholders and the public; an initial discussion in September 2014 on people's priorities and aspirations; Masterplan vision, objectives, projects and spatial strategy in November 2014 and the draft Masterplan in March/April 2015. Taking into consideration the feedback received through the consultations, the final Masterplan and delivery programme were unanimously agreed by Council in June 2015.

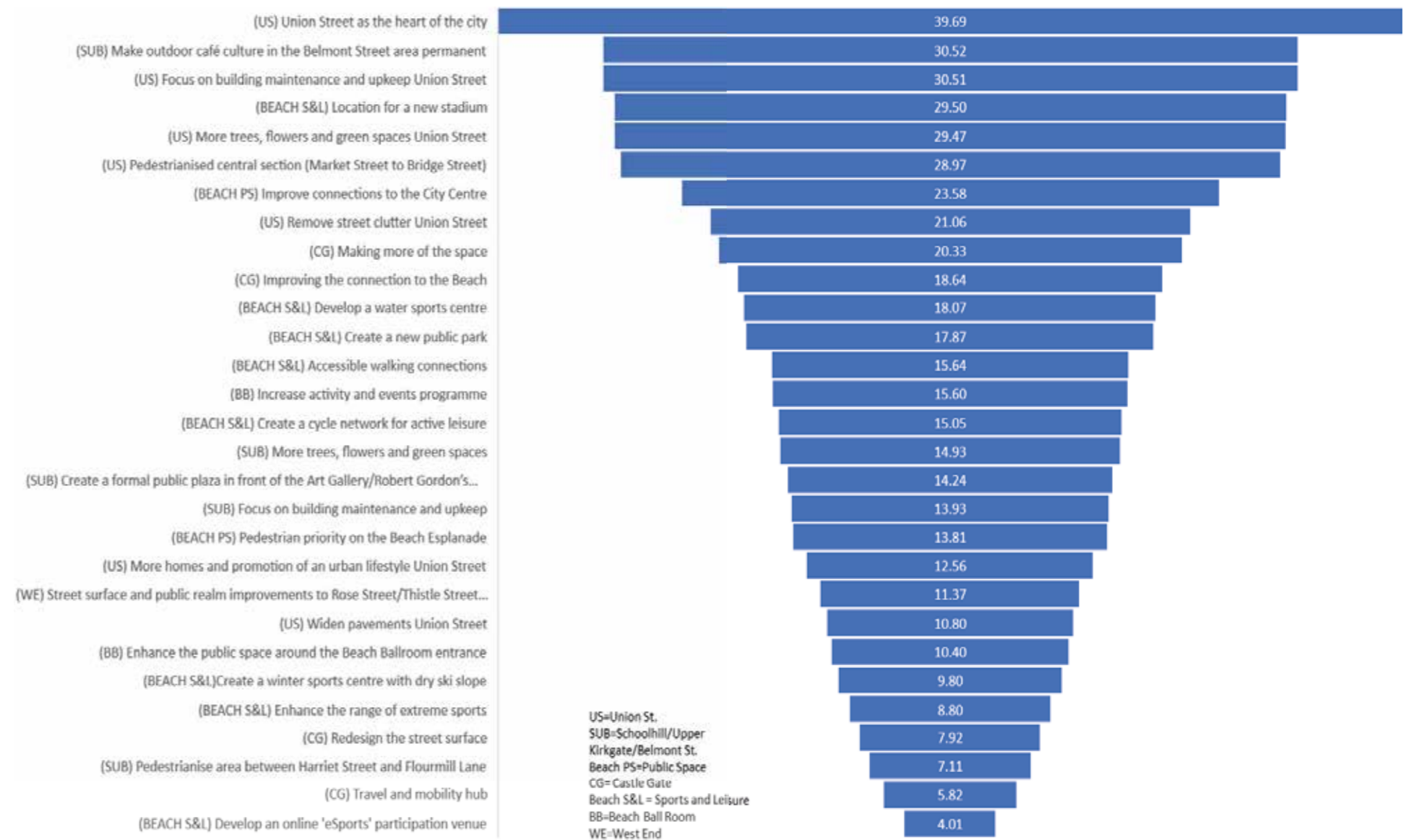
In order to understand current public views and reflect the changing socio-economic context since 2015, a public engagement exercise entitled 'The Future of Aberdeen City Centre and the Beach' ran for 3 weeks from 12 June – 02 July 2021.

Participants were asked to imagine they were responsible for the future of the City Centre and Beach and were allocated a maximum of 500 points to distribute to a series of improvement projects they would most like to see progressed. A maximum of 100 points could be allocated to any single project or theme to reduce the risk of any one project being artificially weighted.

A total of 7697 responses were made to the simulator exercise. Of these, 7610 responses provided demographic information and 2753 responses included 'free text' in one or more of the comments boxes provided. Of those responses, 71% were from those living in Aberdeen City, 23% from those living in Aberdeenshire and the remaining 6% from those in Angus, Moray, Highlands and elsewhere.

In terms of demographics most respondents were in the 35-54 age groups, the largest proportion of respondents listed 'Aberdeen City' as their locality, there was an approximate 60/40 split between male/female genders and the majority of respondents identified as 'White-Scottish' in relation to ethnicity.

The diagram to the right shows the mean score received for all projects and subsequent ranking of priorities by all participants.

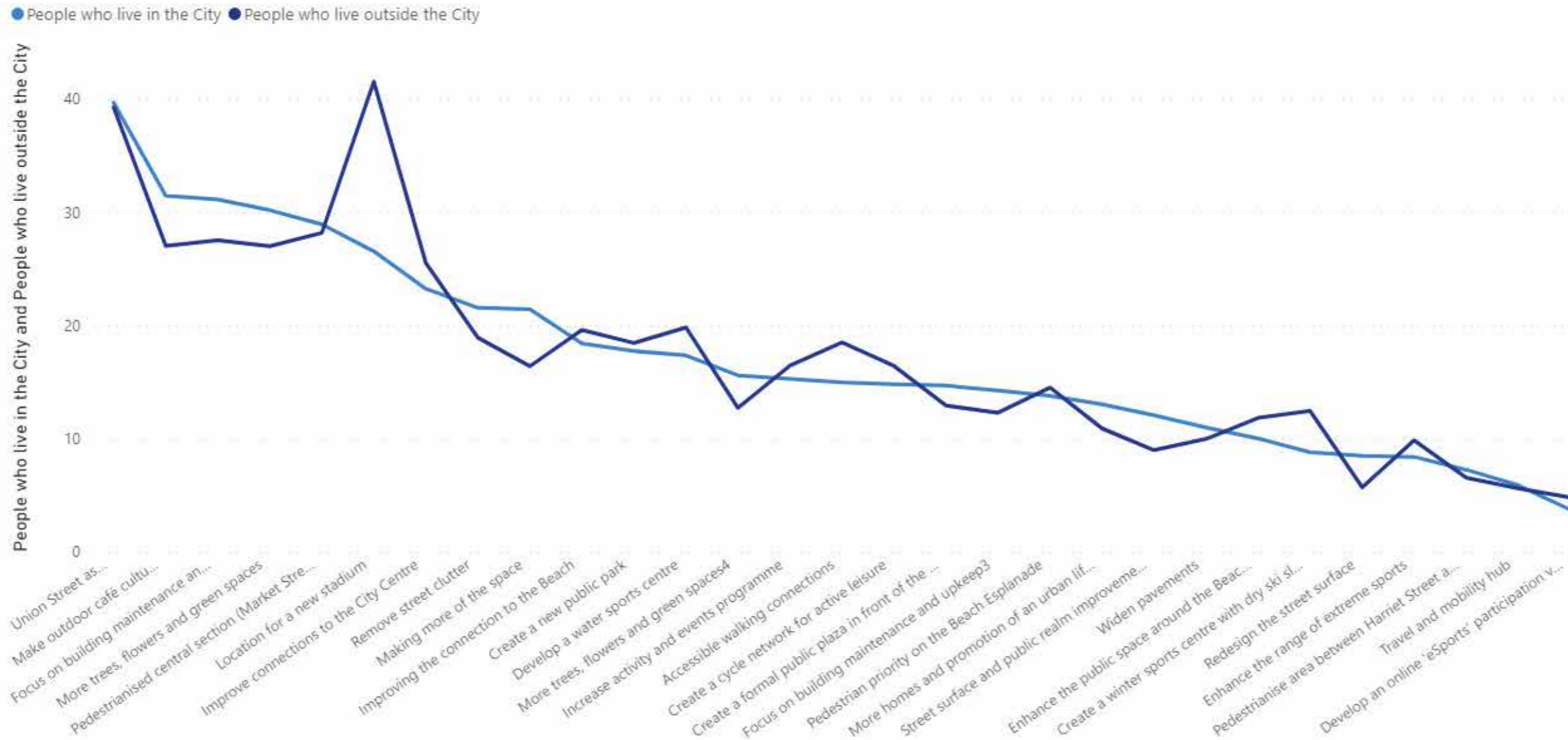


RANKING OF PRIORITIES FOLLOWING CCMP REVIEW
SOURCE: 'CITY CENTRE MASTERPLAN REVIEW' CCMP REPORT, AUGUST 2021

3.0 AREA OF FOCUS

3.1 ABERDEEN CITY CENTRE + BEACH MASTERPLAN CONSULTATION + ENGAGEMENT

The following graph portrays the differences in response between those living in and those outside the City boundaries. It should be noted that this graph represents the average points scoring in the simulator and not the number of respondents, and therefore represents the priority that those respondents placed on issues. The apparent spike in responses from those outside the City in relation to the beach as location for the stadium represents a points allocation from 29% of respondents, compared to 71% from the City.



COMPARISON OF PRIORITIES FOR THOSE LIVING IN/OUTSIDE OF THE CITY
SOURCE: 'CITY CENTRE MASTERPLAN REVIEW' CCMP REPORT, AUGUST 2021

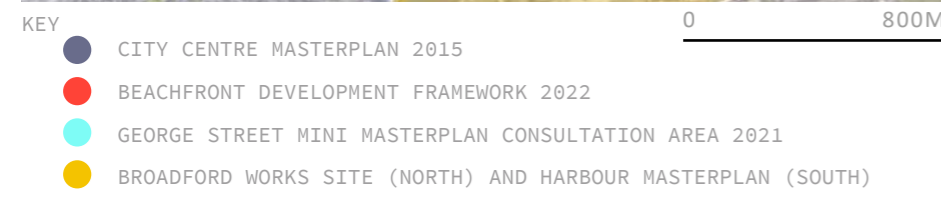
3.0 AREA OF FOCUS

3.2 MASTERPLAN BOUNDARY + ZONE OF INFLUENCE

The City Centre and Beach Masterplan incorporates the Beach and George Street areas, resulting in a new boundary being developed.

This revised study area combines the City Centre boundary and the Beachfront Development Framework area, in recognition of the importance of the city centre's connection to the beach and vice versa. The George Street Mini Master Plan boundary has also been integrated, due to the overlapping nature of the proposed development areas. Together these individual parts create a new City Centre and Beach Masterplan boundary, shown in purple on the adjacent diagram.

The projects within this revised single boundary will be designed to have a positive impact on the surrounding areas, and act as a catalyst for potential future development in these areas. Particular zones of influence include the adjacent Port of Aberdeen and the former Broadford Works site. This boundary could potentially expand in the future, extending the footprint from the River Dee to the River Don.



PREVIOUS MASTERPLAN BOUNDARIES



REVISED CITY CENTRE + BEACH MASTERPLAN 2022 BOUNDARY, INCLUDING RADIATING ZONE OF INFLUENCE

3.0 AREA OF FOCUS

3.3 HERITAGE ASSETS

Within the City Centre and Beach Masterplan boundary there are a number of existing built and natural heritage assets which must be protected and enhanced by the Masterplan projects as they are developed and delivered.

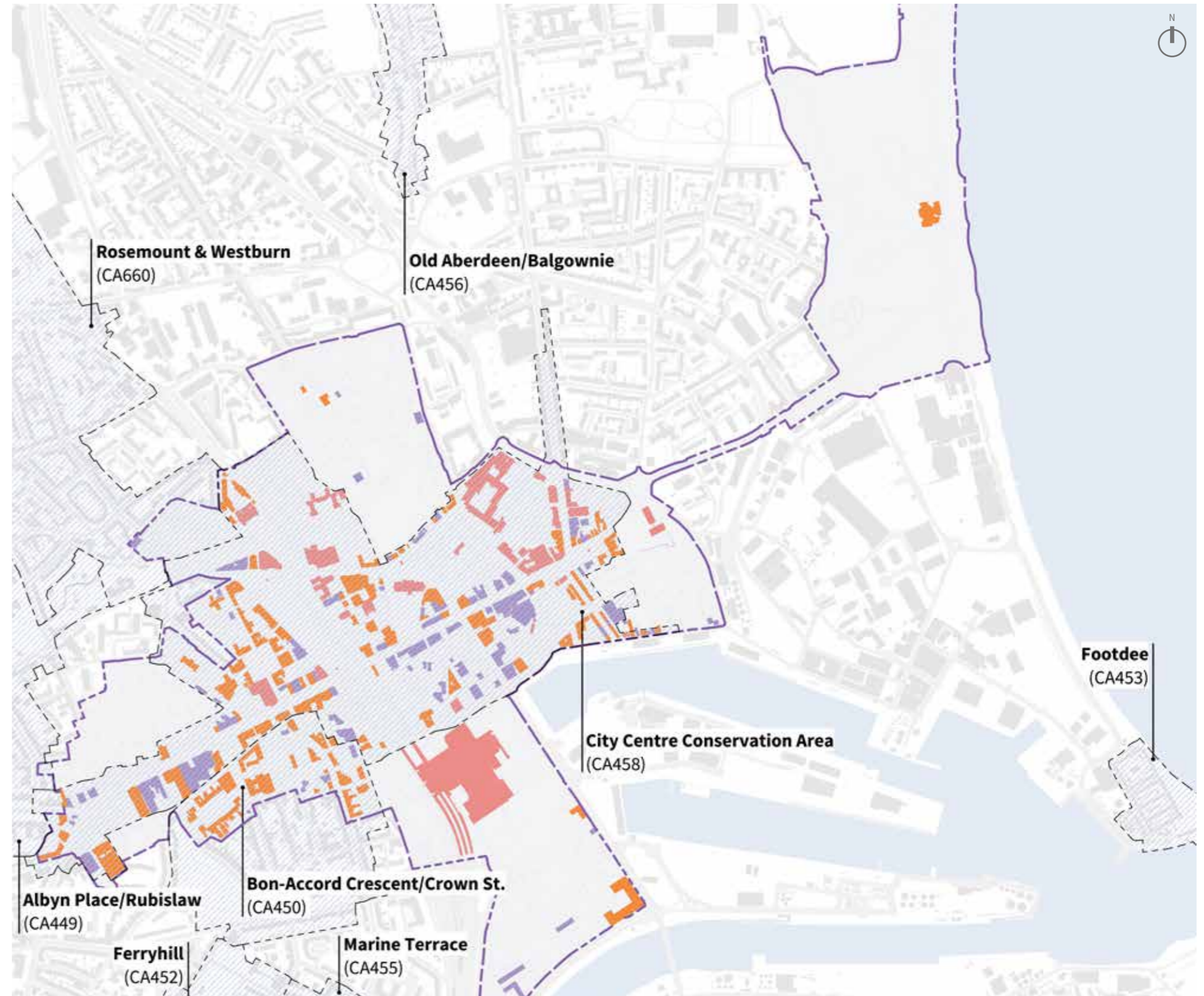
Most of the City Centre is included within the recently reviewed City Centre Conservation Area, and a number of other Conservation Areas such as Footdee, Old Aberdeen and Rosemount and Westburn cover areas within the zone of influence of this Masterplan and the projects it contains. The City Centre is also home to a large number of listed buildings, whilst at the Beach, the Beach Ballroom represents the 'jewel in the crown' for the beachfront proposals.

A Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) was set up in 2017 to tackle the problem of run down historic buildings and streetscape on Union Street, the city's main thoroughfare. The scheme has included over £2.4 million in grant funding to owners of eligible buildings to undertake high quality repair, restoration and refurbishment works.

The current CARS project ends in 2023, however, the Council has committed an additional £2 million towards a future heritage led regeneration scheme for the Union Street Area. Moving forward, the Council intends to submit expressions of interest to both Historic Environment Scotland and the National Lottery Heritage Fund for future funding opportunities, including to the new Heritage and Place Programme.

In terms of natural assets and greenspaces, although a lack of meaningful urban external public space currently exists within the City Centre, the beachfront provides an exceptional natural resource for the City and its residents. Improving the public realm in the City Centre and better connecting the City Centre and the Beach are key aims of this Masterplan and were noted as top priorities during public consultation on the City Centre and Beach projects in 2021.

In line with the priorities of this initiative, a pilot project of the Masterplan is the Union Street revitalisation works, which restores the listed frontages along Union Street Central. As reinforced by the Council's public engagement in July 2021, the preservation of Aberdeen's heritage and architecture is of paramount importance to its residents. To learn more about this project, please refer to Section 6 of this report.



- A LISTED
 - B LISTED
 - C LISTED
 - CONSERVATION AREAS
 - CITY CENTRE + BEACH MASTERPLAN BOUNDARY
- KEY

LISTED BUILDINGS + CONSERVATION AREAS WITHIN THE CITY CENTRE + BEACH MASTERPLAN BOUNDARY

4.0 CURRENT CONTEXT

4.1 LESSONS LEARNED 2015-2022

This City Centre and Beach Masterplan report has been prepared within a changing landscape of policy and guidance across all administrative levels, from UK Government level to local community level. This policy landscape is emerging with a view to achieving a post-pandemic economic recovery, a resetting of our relationships with our city centres, and a global shift in emphasis on sustainable responsibility, reinforced with the signing of the Glasgow Climate Pact at COP 26.

SOURCES

As part of this exercise a desktop study was undertaken utilising a number of key sources to establish 'lessons learned', which included bespoke reports and documents prepared with reference to local and national policy guidance:

- Scottish Government + COSLA, Town Centre Action Plan Review (Apr 2022)
- Scottish Government + Scottish Cities Alliance, City Centre Recovery Task Force Report (Mar 2022)
- Scottish Futures Trust, Place Guide (Nov 2021)
- National Planning Framework 4 - Scotland 2045 (Nov 2021)
- Scottish Futures Trust, Net Zero Public Sector Building Standard (Mar 2021)
- Scottish Government, A New Future for Scotland's Town Centres (Feb 2021)
- Mark Logan (commissioned by the Scottish Government), Scottish Technology Ecosystem Review (Aug 2020)
- Scottish Government, Place Principle (Apr 2019)
- Our Place, The Place Based Framework (Apr 2019)

KEY PRINCIPLES

A number of key principles and findings from this research and new policy and guidance can be summarised as follows:

- Adopting the principles of localism and the 20 minute neighbourhood
- Prioritising active travel, recognising the importance of connectivity and accessibility
- Designing places for people, encouraging and facilitating the repopulation of urban centres
- Ensuring long term environmental and economic sustainability
- Providing access to green space for both residents and visitors

IMPACT ON ABERDEEN

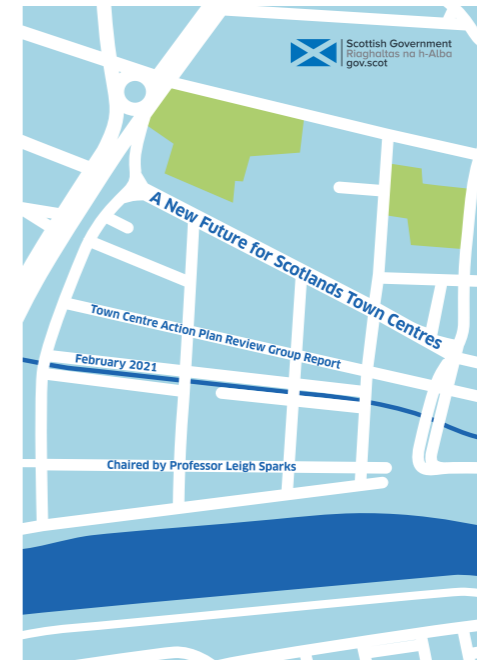
A significant amount of work has already been undertaken to demonstrate what may be possible for the future of the City Centre and Beachfront in terms of individual projects and priority areas for change. Informed by this change in local and regional policy landscape, particular focus will now be given by this recalibrated exercise to prioritising the following areas:

- Prioritising placemaking and providing opportunities for sustainable and active travel connections
- Improving health and well-being and providing inclusive access to outdoor space
- Addressing the recent struggle of commercial retail and revitalising resultant vacant units
- Promoting sustainability and localism

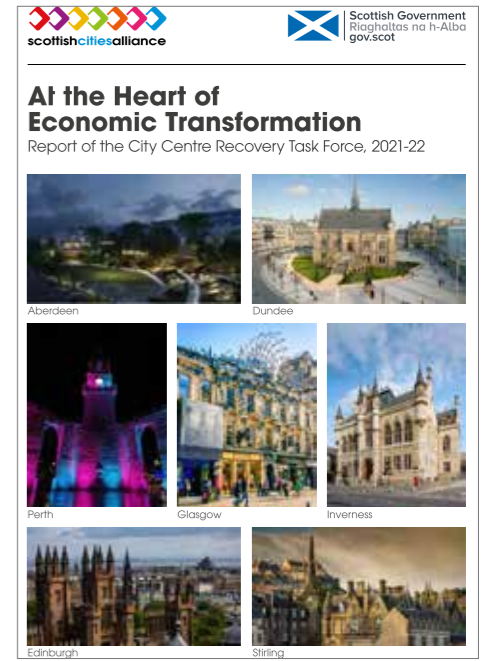
A number of projects, described in more detail later in the report, have been undertaken that begin to address the prioritised areas of focus noted above. These include:

- The City Centre Streetscape Projects which will improve the public realm, enhance active travel and create spaces for people with a real sense of place.
- The redevelopment of the Beach and associated projects will create a wide variety of spaces for outdoor activity, offering a number of opportunities to improve health and well being.
- The Market project will promote the local economy, helping to drive commercial activity in the city centre and arrest the diminishing footfall as a result of a contracting retail sector.
- The projects at George Street and Queen Street offer unique opportunities to re-imagine these neighbourhoods, re-populating the city centre.

The future stages of the Masterplan exercise will continue to identify areas with opportunities for change, to act as a catalyst for the improvement of Aberdeen both short, medium and longer term.



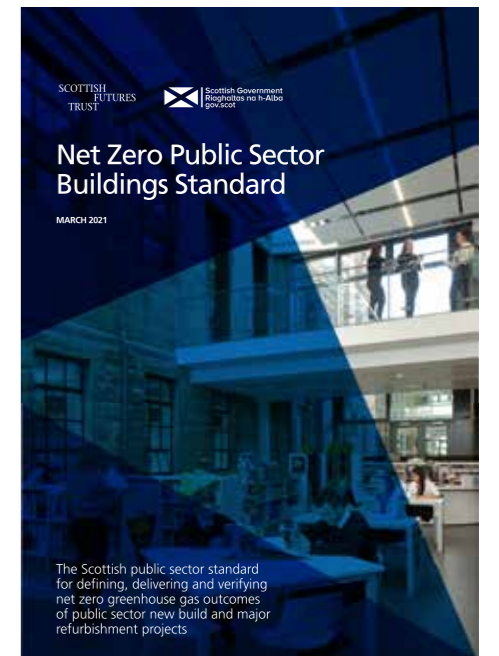
A NEW FUTURE FOR SCOTLAND'S TOWN CENTRES 2021



CITY CENTRE RECOVERY TASK FORCE 2021/22



SCOTTISH TECHNOLOGY ECOSYSTEM REVIEW 2020



NET ZERO PUBLIC SECTOR BUILDINGS STANDARD 2021

4.0 CURRENT CONTEXT

4.2 POLICY OVERVIEW + CONTEXT

This section sets out the policy and guidance at varying administrative levels, namely UK, Scotland, Regional and Local, that have influenced preparation of the Masterplan and which this exercise seeks to comply with.

NATIONAL POLICY

At a National level, in addition to Scottish Planning Policy, the Scottish Government National Strategy for Economic Transformation (NSET) and associated strategies, the emerging National Planning Framework 4 was published in draft in 2021. In July 2022, the Scottish Government confirmed that there was strong support for the general direction of NPF4, and that their intention is to lay a revised draft for the Scottish Parliament's approval in the autumn of 2022.

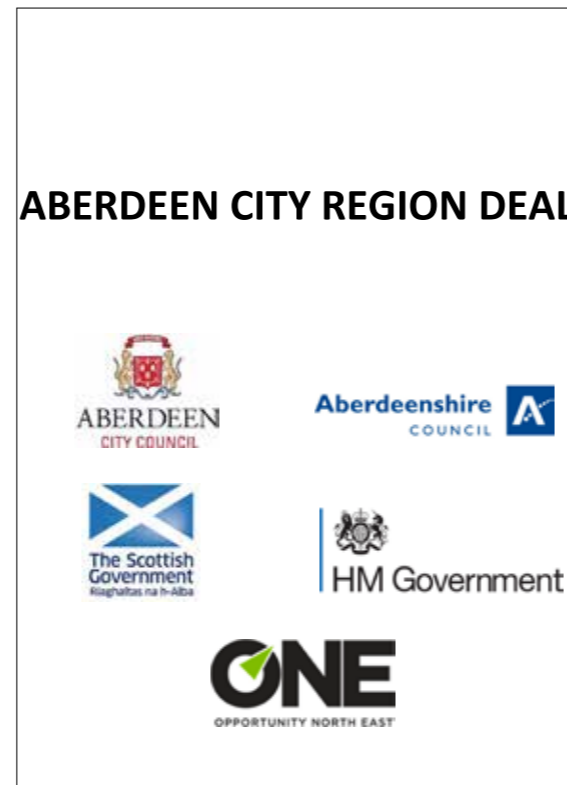
At a UK level, the UK Government's 'Levelling Up' White Paper identifies the requirement for a clear framework to "act upon the drivers of spatial disparity", and identifies six 'Capitals' to be considered – of particular relevance to Aberdeen City Centre and Beach are: Physical capital; Human capital; Social capital; and, Institutional capital. In addition, the White Paper identifies 12 clear 'Missions' to be achieved by 2030.

Those of particular relevance to the success of the Aberdeen City Centre and Beach include:

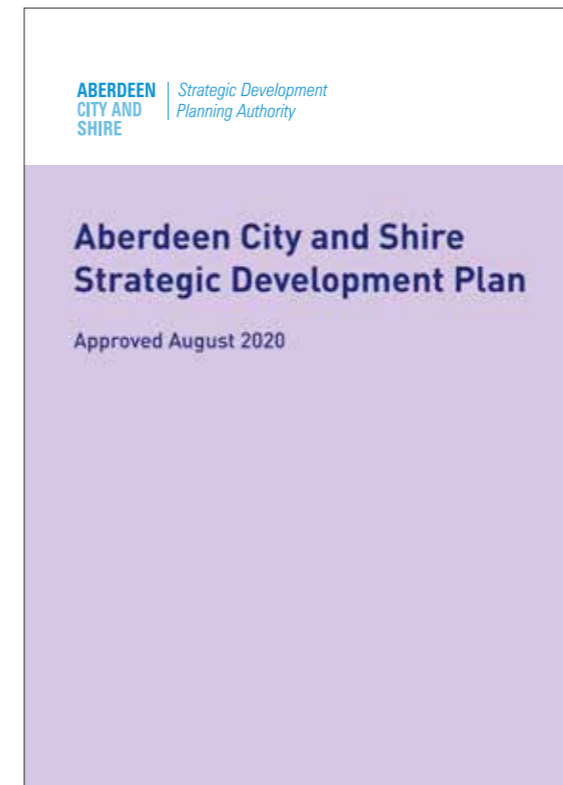
- Transport Infrastructure – improved public transport connectivity and services;
- Health – Health Life Expectancy gaps to be narrowed;
- Well-being – to improve in every area of the UK; and,
- Pride in place - people's satisfaction with their town centre to have risen.

The Aberdeen City Region City Deal in 2016 committed both the UK Government and Scottish Government to jointly investing up to £250m whilst Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeenshire Council and local partners committed to investing £576m over the next decade. Six years in, the Deal is now worth £1.001billion due to partner/private sector investments and benefits realisation. The commitments made under the deal include Transport and Digital Connectivity Projects, Aberdeen Harbour Expansion, Net Zero Technology Centre, Bio Hub and SeedPod. At the same time of the Deal signing, the Scottish Government committed to a further £254m to support the digital and housing investment and £200m to reduce rail journey time between Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow.

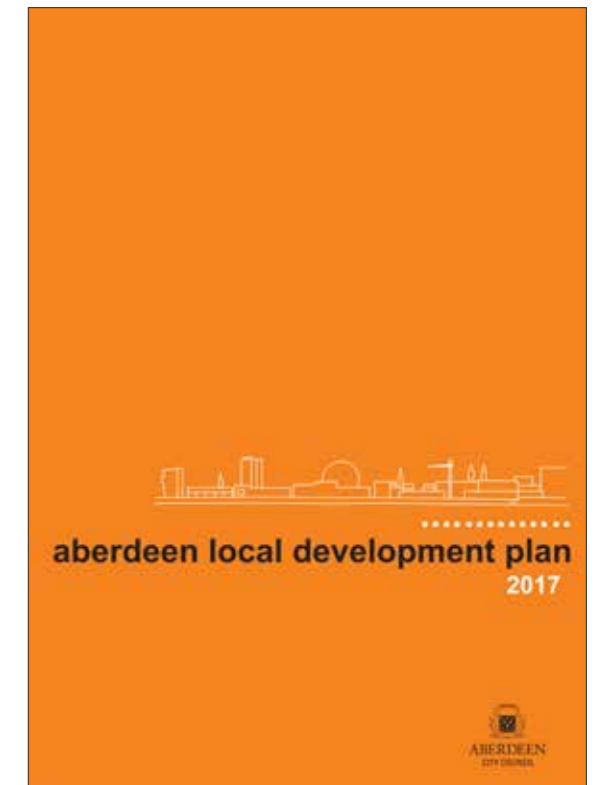
A new regional economic strategy is in the process of being written to reflect progress made on delivering the 2015 plan and the impacts of external shocks on the city centre economy and alignment to UK/SG strategies.



ABERDEEN CITY REGION DEAL 2016



ABERDEEN CITY + SHIRE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2020



ABERDEEN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2017

4.0 CURRENT CONTEXT

4.2 POLICY OVERVIEW + CONTEXT

The draft National Planning Framework 4 identifies that each part of Scotland can be planned and developed to create:

- sustainable places, where we reduce emissions and restore and better connect biodiversity;
- liveable places, where we can live better, healthier lives;
- productive places, where we have a greener, fairer and more inclusive wellbeing economy; and
- distinctive places, where we recognise and work with our assets.

In addition, NPF4 sets out specific actions for a “North east transition” which actively plans a just transition from oil and gas to a net zero future. These actions include: Transition to net zero; Improve local liveability; Regenerate coastal communities; Decarbonise connectivity.

Additional Scotland-wide actions which are key to the City Centre and Beach Masterplan Recalibration are that of: 20-minute neighbourhoods and local living representing liveable environments and great access to services for all; Sustainable Tourism, where tourism is a priority sector within the Aberdeen Regional Economic Strategy; and the Reinvention and Future Proofing of City Centres, where the City Centre and Beach Masterplan will have a national impact, similar to, if not exceeding, the impact of areas such as the Dundee Waterfront.

CITY AND TOWN CENTRES

Specifically in relation to city and town centres, the Scottish Government’s ‘**A New Future for Scotland’s Town Centres**’ (Feb 2021) promotes a set of proposals which will strengthen the role of town centres in planning and the role of communities in shaping their town and town centre. Recommendations include: Towns and town centres to be included in NPF4 with a requirement to create and implement town plans; and, Expanded and Aligned Funding of Demonstration Projects in Towns and Town Centres.

More recently, the Scottish Government, partnering with the Scottish Cities Alliance, have also published ‘At the Heart of Economic Transformation’, the City Centre Recovery Task Force Report (March 2022). This identifies the impact of the Covid-19 public health emergency on city centres, and sets out the areas and actions that the Task Force have agreed to prioritise. These immediate priority actions focus on: Action on immediate recovering; Data on spend; Building expertise; Visitor campaign; Investor attraction; Greater clarity around the return to offices; and, Call on UK Government to make changes to VAT to better support city centre recovery.

In putting these recommendations into practice, the Task Force Report sets out seven 5-year outcomes for city centre recovery, namely: 1 - Increased residential capacity and occupancy in city centres; 2 - Smaller city centre carbon footprint; 3 - Reduction in the amount of vacant and derelict land and property; 4 - Increase in city centre creative, entrepreneurial and start-up activity; 5 - More revenue raising opportunities for local authorities; 6 - Reduction in oversupply of retail, and increase in cultural offer; and, 7 - Faster and more agile planning decisions. The City Centre and Beach Masterplans as prepared, in conjunction with other Council activities, shall align with the 5-year priorities as set out by the Task Force.

TRANSPORT

With respect to transport at a national level, in addition to the **National Transport Strategy, the Strategic Transport Projects Review 2 (Feb 2021)** echoes the Scottish Government’s Climate Change Plan by identifying the need for a 20% reduction in car kilometres with a modal shift from car to walking, cycling and public transport. The Review also includes a number of recommendations which are pertinent to Aberdeen City Centre, most notably the development of Aberdeen Rapid Transit (ART) – a bus-based rapid transit system for the region which would prioritise buses and connect key destinations on the outskirts of Aberdeen to the city centre. A national development around provision of a new Rapid Transit network for the city is also outlined in the draft NPF4.

At a Regional level, the **Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan (2020)** recognises Aberdeen City Centre as a ‘Transformation Zone’ and “an important asset for the City Region [which] must continue to be enhanced and promoted”. **The Regional Economic Strategy and Action Plan (2018)** focuses on key themes of: Investment in infrastructure; Innovation; Inclusive economic growth; and, Internationalisation. In addition, there are Key Actions identified for Aberdeen, including: Enhance City Centre environment by implementation of transport elements of the City Centre Masterplan and a Low Emissions Zone; and, Review and scope potential future transformational projects.

Echoing the national position on transport, the **Nestrans Regional Transport Strategy 2040** sets out six key priorities: Improved journey efficiencies to enhance connectivity; Zero fatalities on the road network; Air quality that is cleaner than WHO standards for emissions from transport; Significantly reduced carbon emissions from transport to support net zero by 2045; Accessibility for all; A step-change in public transport and active travel enabling a 50:50 mode split between car driver and sustainable modes. Related to this is the key Policy Heading of ‘Delivering Aberdeen Rapid Transit (ART)’

LOCAL POLICY

At the Local level, planning policy and guidance is provided by the Aberdeen Local Development Plan 2017, which will soon be replaced by the emerging Aberdeen Local Development 2022 which is currently undergoing Examination in Public by the Scottish Ministers. Both of these plans provide detailed planning policy to be considered when considering proposals across the city, including the city centre and beach, and also provide more detailed information and briefs in relation to specific opportunities (OP sites). In addition, within the emerging **Aberdeen Local Development 2022**, the Council have identified their first Energy Transition Zone - a land use zoning and supporting policy specifically aimed at supporting the delivery of low and zero carbon technologies, placing Aberdeen at the forefront of this emerging industry. The Energy Transition Zone has been placed adjacent to Aberdeen’s South Harbour Extension and the rail line to maximise the development opportunities.

The Council’s Local Outcome Improvement Plan and associated Locality Plans are key in setting out a vision for an Aberdeen as “a place where all people can prosper”, and considers the People, Place and Economy of Aberdeen. The refreshed Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) was approved in July 2021, with an annual report published in July 2022. The LOIP identifies 15 ‘stretch’ outcomes to be delivered by 2026 and 75 shorter term improvement aims. Stretch Outcomes particularly relevant to the City Centre and Beach include: Child Friendly City which supports all children to prosper and engage actively with their communities by 2026; Healthy life expectancy (time lived in good health) is five years longer by 2026 - this includes the Key Drivers of encouraging adoption of healthier lifestyles, and increasing satisfaction and use of community facilities and green environment to increase the health and well-being for older people and people managing long term conditions); Addressing climate change by reducing Aberdeen’s carbon emissions by 61% by 2026 and adapting to the impacts of our changing climate; and, Increasing sustainable travel with 38% of people walking and 5% of people cycling as main mode of travel by 2026.

The Locality Plan for Aberdeen City – Central (2021-2026) identifies six Locality Priorities for the area. Of specific relevance to the City Centre and Beach Masterplan Recalibration, and under the Place Theme, is the priority to ‘Maximise use of spaces in communities to create opportunities for people to connect and increase physical activity’. Associated with this Priority for Place within the Central area are the aims to: Increase the number of community run green spaces, including in priority neighbourhoods, by 2023; Increase percentage of people who cycle as one mode of travel by 2% by 2023; and, Increase percentage of people who walk as one mode of travel by 10% by 2023.

4.0 CURRENT CONTEXT

4.3 SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONTEXT

The Council's City Growth cluster continues to review the economic trends and with the monthly economic bulletin and the Council's independent Economic Policy Panel Report (due November 2022) will monitor the economic trends in the city and region. The Economic Report will produce a set of recommendations based on the region's progress to date in response to the regional economic strategy. A new strategy is being worked on and will be available in autumn 2022.

At the same time as the work on the CCMP Review, the Scottish Government and the UK Government have been developing new funding and investment schemes around Levelling Up, Shared Prosperity Fund, Just Transition Fund and Green Freeports. The City Centre and Beach Masterplan and Local Development Plan will, together, provide opportunities for interventions to align to these new funds, and potential themes in the Share Prosperity Fund. At the same time the City Centre and Beach Masterplan aligns to both the UK Government and Scottish Government Climate Change plans, and in particular opportunities for the scalable offshore wind production under ScotWind and Intog and corresponding opportunities around hydrogen production and distribution. In November 2021, the Council approved bp as its partner in a new joint venture company, bp Aberdeen Hydrogen Ltd.

There has been increased take up of commercial property in the city centre reflecting both ongoing offshore energy production, the transition to net zero and the end of Covid-19 restrictions. The Port of Aberdeen saw its first vessel at the new harbour south expansion, and it will be fully operational in two phases in October 2022 and summer 2023. In June 2022, the Port, along with Aberdeen International Airport and Peterhead Port Authority, supported by the Council and Aberdeenshire Council, submitted a bid to be one of two Green Freeports in Scotland. If successful, this would deliver three tax sites in the region that would secure additional inward investment to Scotland, estimated at around 32,000 jobs and £8.5bn gross value added.

In response to changing shopping patterns, and the effects of Covid-19, a new 2021-2026 business plan for Aberdeen Inspired has been published. Officers will continue to work with the BID to align elements of the Business Gateway support to independent city centre businesses, and projects supporting the events and tourism sector.

Local employability partnerships continue their work in preparing for the acquisition of the required Net Zero skills. There is an opportunity for these important city centre recovery services to have a 'satellite' presence in the city.

In 2022, the Scottish Government and Scottish Cities Alliance published its Cities Recovery Report on what Scottish cities should focus on in the recovery phase. Based upon the above, Scottish Cities Alliance is developing a workplan that addresses the immediate, medium-term and long-term priorities of the report. This workplan, due to be finalised in autumn 2022, involves:

- Identifying revenue raising opportunities for local authorities and whether there are policy levers including changes to VAT we could usefully use to better support city centre recovery
- Identifying ways to reduce the carbon footprint of city centres
- Increasing the occupancy and residential capacity of city centres
- Reducing the amount of vacant and derelict land
- Creating jobs and increasing business growth in city centres
- Increasing the consumer cultural offer and mitigating the impacts of the oversupply of retail in city centres
- Developing faster and more flexible planning decisions

Since the huge impact of the pandemic and the lockdowns, employment rates in the City have risen for the 2nd straight quarter after falling for several quarters during the pandemic. Job postings in the city have risen, but not as quickly as in other Scottish cities. City centre footfall levels rose throughout 2021 to around 83% of pre-pandemic levels. Aberdeen's reliance on the energy sector means its retail market has faced an even greater burden. The office vacancy rate in the business improvement district is 5.5 percentage points since the pandemic began. The city's retail vacancy rate has risen from 4.3% in 2020 Q1 to 5.8% as of 2021 Q4. Shopping Centres have been most affected in Aberdeen, with the vacancy rate increasing from 6.2% in 2019 Q4 to 13.8% by 2021 Q4. The work of the Scottish Cities Alliance in point 1.6 addresses this 'High Street' challenge. We need city centres that use under-utilised and vacated space to reinvigorate city centres by creating the conditions for a change in or new uses. As a local planning authority, a public landlord, and a licensing authority, the Council can play an important role in supporting 'meanwhile use'. Such strategies can allow and incentivise temporary use of under-used and vacant spaces by businesses and community organisations in the short term. Our medium- and long-term responses are focused on the long term economic and environmental ambitions of the city.

As the City emerged from lockdown restrictions because of Covid-19, a number of successful events were delivered including Spectra, Tour of Britain and touring exhibitions at Aberdeen Art Gallery.



PROVOST SKENE'S HOUSE, SOURCE: GOOGLE IMAGES



ABERDEEN 365: SPECTRA FESTIVAL OF LIGHT, SOURCE: GOOGLE IMAGES

4.0 CURRENT CONTEXT

4.4 CULTURE + TOURISM

The Council contributes to the sector in a number of ways – direct support to promotion of the city attractions via VisitAberdeenshire and VisitScotland; operation of a number of city centre attractions within Aberdeen Archives, Gallery & Museums; and supporting events in the city and at P&J Live.

The City of Aberdeen has a rich array of cultural assets including historical buildings, traditional theatres, arts centres, an arena complex, a music hall, libraries, archives, museums and galleries, and a varied programme of cultural events which attracts a growing number of visitors. History and culture are within the top three motivators for overnight visits to Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire, reflecting the importance of these assets and the wider cultural sector to the visitor economy. Pandemic restrictions have had significant impact on cultural and visitor economy, in particular cultural venues, events and festivals which in some cases have not been able to open for the past two years. Many face an increasingly challenging operating environment with increased running costs and visitor figures still to return to pre-Covid numbers.

The Event 365 Programme has been a key component of the City's cultural offering, delivering a host of successful events within the city centre since 2015. These events have included the Great Aberdeen Run, Tour Series, Granite Noir, NuArt, Aberdeen Jazz Festival, True North, SPECTRA, Scotland's Festival of Light which attracted 116,000 visitors as the first major event to return after Omicron. Looking forward to the remainder of 2022 and into 2023 Aberdeen City Council are working with Aberdeenshire Council and other regional and national stakeholders on the grand depart of the 2022 Tour of Britain.

The year 2022 marks the 30th anniversary of the Aberdeen Lemon Tree, at the same time Aberdeen Performing Arts unveiled its plans to revamp the iconic venue through a £8.9m redevelopment which will include an extension to create a new studio, foyer, café, meeting space and a new, accessible entrance. The feasibility study was commissioned with support from Scottish Enterprise and ACC and aligned to the Council's commitment to regenerate Queen Street as part of the City Centre Masterplan.

P&J Live, opened in September 2019, the £333 million complex, delivered by Aberdeen City Council in partnership with Henry Boot Developments, replaced the Aberdeen Exhibition Conference and Centre (AECC) with 48,000 square metres of multi-purpose event space. 2022 has seen Scotland's newest events complex win a number of accolades including Best Conference Venue at the GCNE's Conference and Events Awards 2022 as well as securing the Venue of the Year Award at the AEO Awards, fending off competition from Abu Dhabi National Exhibitions Centre, The NEC in Birmingham and The O2 in London.

Provost Skene's House opened to visitors in October 2021 following a £3.8m redevelopment as part of the CCMP. Dating from 1545, Provost Skene's House is Aberdeen's oldest surviving townhouse. The new attraction celebrates the pioneering people of Aberdeen and the North-East who have not only shaped the city but have

also helped transform the world. The stories of around 100 remarkable people are featured in 10 themed interactive displays, ranging from scientists and innovators to writers, sporting champions and stars of stage and screen. The Council works closely with VisitAberdeenshire and VisitScotland to promote the attraction to local residents and visitors to the city, including an #AberdeenIsCalling campaign with VisitScotland in summer 2021, promoting the city's cultural attractions including Provost Skene's House, the Art Gallery and Maritime Museum. There have been 20,500 visits to Provost Skene's House since opening.

Aberdeen's Art Gallery is another of the City's key cultural assets, reopening in 2019 following a landmark redevelopment supported by the Council, the National Lottery Heritage Lottery Fund and a wide range of funders and individual donors. It has received a number of accolades, including Art Fund Museum of the Year 2020 and the RIAS Andrew Doolan Best Building in Scotland award 2021. Judges commented that the redevelopment had made an existing building more welcoming, sustainable and accessible. The Gallery was also short-listed for the European Museum of the Year Award 2022. The Art Gallery has achieved 325,023 visits since opening in November 2019, including two periods of closure during the pandemic Mar-Aug 2020 and Jan-Apr 2021.

Highlights of the Art Gallery exhibition programme during the period included:

British Art Show 9 (Jul-Oct 2021) - the first time this prestigious survey of the best recent art from the UK has been seen in Aberdeen. Aberdeen was the launch venue for the tour which included Wolverhampton, Manchester and Plymouth.

Zandra Rhodes – 50 Years of Fabulous (Nov 2021-March 2022) - the Art Gallery was the first venue outside of London to host this major exhibition celebrating the 50-year career of the iconic fashion designer.

Aberdeen Artists Society exhibited in the Gallery for the first time since the redevelopment (April-July 2022), displaying over 300 works by 270 artists.

The Galloway Hoard – Viking-age Treasure brings this remarkable collection of rare and unique Viking-age objects ever found in Britain or Ireland to Aberdeen from 30 July to 3 October 2022.

On a smaller scale, but no less significant, Scotland's oldest surviving manuscript, the **Book of Deer** (Jul-Oct 2022) is on loan from Cambridge University Library. This important loan is part of a summer-long season of cultural activity celebrating one of Scotland's greatest treasures, which contains in its margins what is thought to be the earliest examples of written Scots Gaelic. The project and exhibition are being promoted widely as part of VisitScotland's Year of Stories 2022.

Working with VisitAberdeenshire, the three venues: Aberdeen Art Gallery, Maritime Museum and Provost Skene's House are developing a travel trade offer, ensuring Aberdeen is recognised as a must-visit destination. Expos play a vital role in the promotion of the venues and the travel trade product, communication with VisitAberdeenshire is imperative, collating up to date exhibition information and support can be provided to ensure potential buyers have an excellent experience when visiting. The visitor journey is also being developed to establish a cruise ready welcome, collaborating with various partners across the city.

With support from the Scottish Government City Centre Recovery Fund in 2021 and 2022 the Archives, Gallery & Museums team has delivered marketing campaigns with VisitScotland and VisitAberdeenshire highlighting the three city-centre venues: Art Gallery, Provost Skene's House and the Maritime Museum. The campaigns position Aberdeen as a vibrant year-round cultural destination, with quality attractions, festivals and events, accommodation and food and drink.



ABERDEEN ART GALLERY, SOURCE: GOOGLE IMAGES

4.0 CURRENT CONTEXT

4.5 NET ZERO JOURNEY

The value of integrating sustainable development and environmental thinking and interventions into the Masterplan Objectives and projects is critical to ensure a safe, attractive, productive and future focused City Centre. This includes enhanced connectivity, facilitating increased active and sustainable travel and improving urban greening.

The current and future impacts of the climate and nature crises on all aspects of society are becoming far more evident and driving change. Global climate, food and biodiversity initiatives have come to the fore and significant statutory and policy advancements have been introduced, aiming to tackle poverty, health and wellbeing, emission reduction, resilience and enable a just transition.

The Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019 put in place a target for net zero greenhouse emissions by 2045 in Scotland, accelerating new and updated associated policy interventions, which are articulated in the Scottish Government's Climate Change Plan update. Outcomes to increase resilience to the impacts of a changing climate are set out in Climate Ready Scotland, the second Scottish Adaptation Programme.

In response, the city-wide climate journey is progressing. Following production of a Net Zero Vision for Aberdeen (2020), the Net Zero Aberdeen Routemap was produced collaboratively and approved in February 2022, setting the pathway for a net zero city by 2045.

The Routemap is accompanied by 6 net zero enabling strategies which establish the direction for Aberdeen over themes of Buildings and Heat, Mobility, Energy Supply, Circular Economy, Natural Environment and Empowerment. These set outcomes that support a just transition, energy efficiency, decarbonisation, local energy schemes, active and sustainable travel, nature protection and enhancement, maximising resource use, upskilling and reskilling, empowering through education and participation.

Net zero strategic aims for Aberdeen include:

- Decarbonisation of city buildings, with many changes to the ways power and heat is generated and used.
- Reduce travel demand, play a key role in enabling a transition to low/ zero emission vehicles.
- Facilitate more walking, wheeling and use of public transport to reduce emissions.
- Identify, promote and develop circular economy models that can maximise the

value of products and materials.

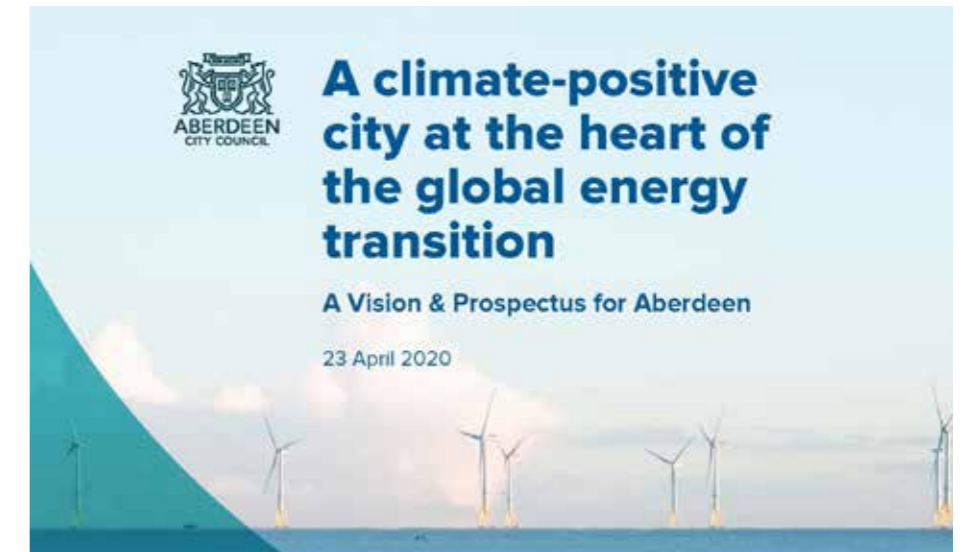
- Develop affordable low-carbon energy choices for our citizens.
- Use our strengths as a global energy capital to put ourselves at the front of the energy transition.
- Further protect and expand nature across Aberdeen, enhancing its integrity, managing it to contribute to an overall reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.
- Reversing the nature decline for the multiple benefits.
- Empower stakeholders working with them on our net zero journey, ensuring a strong partnership approach.

Aberdeen Adapts, the City's Climate Adaptation Framework, was refreshed in February 2022. This reflects risks to the City from current and future climate impacts, including more extreme weather events; warmer, wetter winters; hotter, drier summers; and a rise in sea level. It outlines adaptation priorities for the City including; increased use of nature-based solutions, business and community resilience, flood risk management, protecting the coastline, as well as addressing climate change in the planning, build, maintenance and protection of city buildings, infrastructure and heritage.

Aberdeen City Council approved a Council Climate Change Plan in March 2021, setting out actions for climate resilient and net zero Council assets and operations by 2045. In addition, made commitment to: integrated food policies and systems through the Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration; taking action towards achieving net zero through the UN Race to Zero campaign; and approved signing of the Edinburgh 'Biodiversity' Declaration. These plans and declarations recognise the significance of these issues; the international call to action on them; as well as a commitment to act at a local level through areas we both control and influence, including the development of the City Centre and Beach Masterplan.

The Community Planning Aberdeen LOIP refresh has strengthened outcomes for addressing climate change and increasing sustainable travel; as well as introduced a new outcome for addressing the nature crisis by protecting and managing areas for nature. The climate and nature challenges are complex, interconnected and inseparable from our economic, social and physical policies and infrastructure. The Covid-19 recovery needs to address these issues collectively and holistically.

It is critical to ensure these drivers for climate and sustainability are embedded and delivered in the City Centre and Beach Masterplan objectives; and the projects within this plan will do everything possible to align with existing and emerging climate, food, sustainable travel, resource efficiency and nature commitments, targets, strategies, policies and plans.



ABERDEEN CLIMATE VISION



ABERDEEN ADAPTS



ABERDEEN COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE PLAN

4.0 CURRENT CONTEXT

4.6 HEALTH + WELLBEING

Within the City Centre and Beach Masterplan there is a desire to improve open spaces, active travel, play, sports and leisure facilities across Aberdeen for the benefit of all citizens and visitors. This presents a great opportunity to consider how these investments can be optimised to support the Scottish Government's strategic objectives to promote positive changes in health and wellbeing.

Enhanced public realm and outdoor green space will not only enhance mental wellbeing, opportunities for play and socialising, but will also support increased levels of active travel, such as walking and cycling, which promote healthier lifestyles and also lower levels of carbon emissions. This will have health and wellbeing benefits not only for those who choose active travel, but will also benefit the entire community through the overall reduction in pollution and emissions.

As a result, there is a specific focus on creating meaningful public space, prioritising active travel and creating accessible streets through the Masterplan streetscape projects.

Several of the key projects within the Masterplan will directly benefit the population of Aberdeen by making wellbeing and leisure facilities easily accessible, widely publicised and free at the point of access. For example, the Beach Boulevard will provide active travel links to the new Urban Park at the beachfront, whilst the Aberdeen Market will showcase local, seasonal produce in a centrally accessible location.



CYCLE RACE PASSES IN FRONT OF GREYFRIARS CHURCH, SOURCE: GOOGLE IMAGES



BROADHILL TOWARD ABERDEEN BEACH, SOURCE: GOOGLE IMAGES



SURFERS AT ABERDEEN BEACH, SOURCE: VISITABDN.COM



JOGGERS ENJOYING ONE OF ABERDEEN'S RUNNING TRAILS, SOURCE: REBEL PT

4.0 CURRENT CONTEXT

4.7 MARKET DEMAND + ANALYSIS

The Property Market in Aberdeen City Centre is regularly monitored by the Council's City Growth cluster. Ongoing economic trends will be monitored to inform the annual review of the City Centre and Beach Masterplan.

RETAIL / LEISURE

The retail / leisure market in Aberdeen is suffering from a significant over supply of available accommodation coupled with weak demand. The current cost of living crisis will continue to bring further pressure on the retail/ leisure sector, albeit, parts of the leisure sector have proven to be defensive in previous downturns. Efforts by Aberdeen City Council to turn the city centre into more of a multi-faceted mixed use and cultural destination which is attractive to the widest possible demographic rather than a mono retail focus on purely shoppers are continuing. The Union Terrace Gardens project is due to complete later on this summer and works to transform the former BHS on Union Street into an exciting new leisure and food venue - the Aberdeen Market - are ongoing. Of further note is that investors are being attracted back to the retail market with Reality Investment Corp paying £60million for the Beach Boulevard Retail Park. There is also an opportunity to purchase Trinity Shopping Centre which is located in a strategic intervention area in Aberdeen city centre and its future repurposing could help to further improve the profile of Union Street.

LOCAL ECONOMY

There is significant investment planned for Aberdeen and the North East of Scotland over the coming decade. Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce's 'Investment Tracker' records a pipeline of c.£12bn of investment due to be realised in the region by 2030.

The principal aim of this investment strategy is to maximise economic return from the North Sea continental shelf, whilst simultaneously looking to diversify the local economy, reduce reliance of local industry on the oil and gas sector, and to capitalise on the significant and unique opportunities presented to the region by the energy transition.

Projects of note include;

- The Aberdeen Hydrogen Hub Programme - bp's commitment to design, build and operate a Hydrogen hub incorporating solar power, green hydrogen production and refuelling facility for transport, which is targeting production from 2024
- BioHub, a facility for life science start-ups and high growth enterprises currently under construction at Forresterhill (£40m)
- Seedpod, a centre of excellence for manufacturing and production in the food and drink industry (£21m)
- Aberdeen-Inverness rail improvements (£330m) and A96 dualling between Aberdeen and Inverness (£3bn)
- The new Aberdeen South Harbour (£400m), due for completion later this year.

Recently completed projects include The Event Complex Aberdeen (TECA) incorporating the P&J Live arena (£350m) and the Aberdeen Bypass Western Peripheral Route (c.£1bn).

Aberdeen South Harbour expansion is a major economic focus for the city and will be one of the most modern ports in Europe. The existing Aberdeen Harbour is currently the largest marine centre in Europe for the offshore oil and gas industry, handling a wide range of general and specialist shipments as well as regular roll on/off ferry and cargo vessels. Aberdeen South Harbour will provide 24-hour non-tidal deep water access which will render the city capable of competing on a global scale for major offshore infrastructure projects which are expected to be offered by the energy transition.

Earlier this year, a regional alliance, (including Port of Aberdeen, Peterhead Port Authority, Aberdeen International Airport, and Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire councils) have launched a formal bid for Green Freeport status. If successful, this Green Freeport status is expected to help grow GVA in the region by £7.5bn in the next ten years. It has been suggested that the status could also help to create up to 30,000 jobs in the North East of Scotland. The application is one of five made across Scotland, with the two successful applicants due to be selected by late summer 2022.

In January 2022, Crown Estate Scotland announced the outcome of its application process for ScotWind Leasing; the first Scottish offshore wind leasing round in over a decade. Seventeen projects were selected from a total of 74 applications, and successful applicants have been offered option agreements reserving specific areas of the seabed. These applications are expected to deliver around £700m straight into the public purse and billions of pounds of supply chain commitments over the coming years. Of the 25GW planned, 17GW are expected to be generated from sites within 100 nautical miles of Aberdeen. Scottish Government estimates that every GW of power equated to £1bn of value across the supply chain.



TRINITY CENTRE SHOPPING CENTRE, SOURCE: GOOGLE IMAGES



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THE CAPITOL BUILDING, ART DECO OFFICES ON UNION STREET, SOURCE: GOOGLE IMAGES

4.0 CURRENT CONTEXT

4.7 MARKET DEMAND + ANALYSIS

Activity following the award of the ScotWind licenses is part of a projected £170+ billion investment in capital and operating activities in the UK offshore energy sector between 2021 - 2030. Much of this will be located in the Aberdeen region or powered by the companies and people based within the city.

Since the start of 2022, the Ukraine conflict, together with subsequent sanctions imposed on exports of Russian oil and gas, and increased acknowledgement of the need for national energy security, has resulted in a strong upward trajectory for Brent Crude, with many industry analysts predicting unprecedented high pricing levels later this year (current pricing is \$102.30 – 1 Aug 2022).

On 26 May 2022 the UK Government announced a new tax on the profits of oil and gas companies operating in the UK and the UK Continental Shelf. The “Energy Profits Levy” is a supplementary 25 percent taxation applied to future profits, which increases the headline rate of corporation tax on oil and gas sector UK profits from 40 percent to 65 percent.

In an attempt to counteract the negative publicity surrounding this added taxation, the Chancellor also announced a ‘super-deduction’ style investment allowance to provide an immediate incentive for the oil and gas sector to invest in UK extraction and to support energy security. It is considered that this investment allowance will encourage energy companies to reinvest in the region, and thus the taxation (combined with the grant of further exploration licenses) has the potential to significantly extend the lifespan of the industry in the area.

The Acorn CCS (carbon capture and storage) project, which is an ambitious proposal to tap into the Atlantic pipeline from the St Fergus gas terminal, the Green Freeport application, and the Aberdeen Hydrogen Hub programme, are all believed to have capability to have significant impact on employment opportunities in the region.

It is anticipated that this investment and activity, together with the renewed activity and buoyancy in the Oil and Gas sector, will drive office-based employment in Aberdeen City over the next 10 years. Aberdeen is expected to see an additional 2,260 office-based jobs over the next ten years.

ABERDEEN OFFICE DEMAND

The 2021 Aberdeen office take up extended to just 197,914 sq.ft (city wide). Take up at this level was the lowest we have experienced since detailed records began. The “record” years for the city of 2012 and 2014 each showed in excess of 1,000,000 sq.ft with 2013 lagging solely due to chronic supply constraints. The 5 Year average prior to 2021 is 378,492 sq.ft, and 10 year is 584,837 sq.ft.

Q1 2022 office take up has been recorded at a much improved 260,000 sq.ft. with a significant pipeline of “under offer” deals expected to conclude in Q3. The Council’s property advisors anticipate that take up will surpass the 5-year average by a considerable margin by the end of the 3rd quarter this year. It is also predicted that 2022 will see the highest end-of-year take up figures since 2014, as the UK government’s Energy Security Strategy. Simultaneously, the market will begin to see tangible property requirements associated with the low carbon energy transition.

ABERDEEN OFFICE SUPPLY

Aberdeen market supply stands at c.2,617,000 sq.ft (Q2 2022) from an estimated total of around 11,000,000 sq.ft. Supply at this level represents a vacancy rate of just under 25%, which is the highest of any key regional market in the UK.

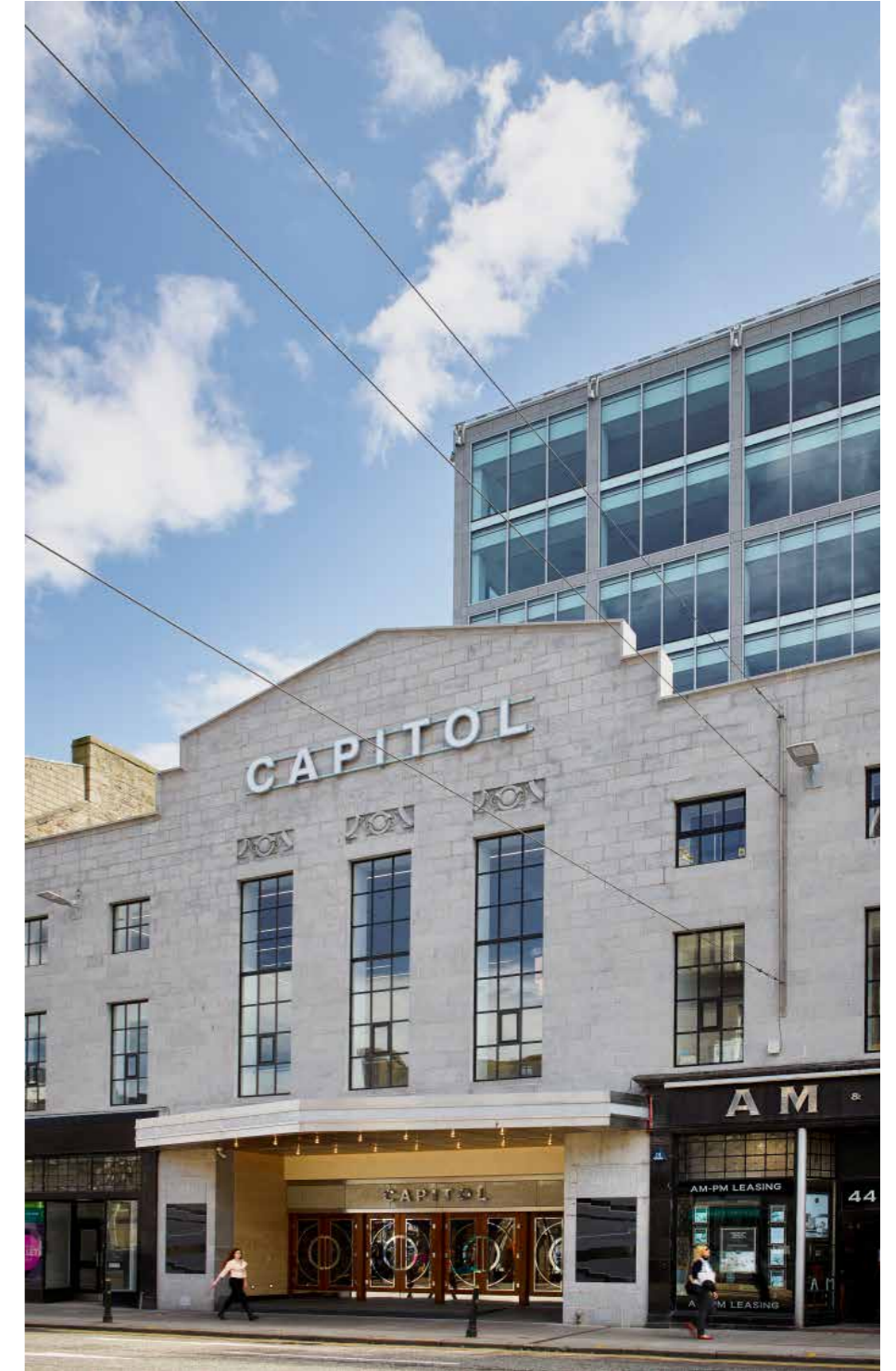
Whilst current supply indicates only a marginal increase on the 2,480,000 sq.ft (or 22.5%) reported pre-Covid-19, it is not withstanding the fact that we have already seen in excess of 1,000,000 sq.ft either repurposed or demolished since the 2014 downturn.

Despite improving market conditions, the drive toward better quality, energy efficient space mean that further attrition of Aberdeen office stock is inevitable in the coming years.

Notwithstanding current availability, there is less than 30% of current availability which we would deem to be of ‘Grade A’ specification. A large proportion of current supply is considered to be functionally obsolete, due in the most part to tightening sustainability criteria and the fact that occupiers are typically seeking better quality accommodation in order to be able to encourage their staff back to the workplace.

The Council’s property advisors believe that only c.785,000 sq.ft is ‘Grade A’, with only a small percentage of this number being “best in class”.

‘Grade A’ availability has decreased by 9% over the past 12 months, and given the lack of any notable development pipeline and the continued ‘flight to quality’ from most occupiers, we expect to see the availability of ‘best quality office space’ tighten significantly over the short term.



THE CAPITOL BUILDING, SOURCE: GOOGLE IMAGES

4.0 CURRENT CONTEXT

4.8 ABERDEEN CITY CENTRE LIVING ENABLING PLAN

A City Centre Living Enabling Plan forms part of this City Centre and Beach Masterplan.

In 2021, Officers instructed the creation of a technical note supported by plans and case studies to inform the re-fresh of the Aberdeen City Centre Living Enabling Plan, and a supporting Joint Delivery Action Plan. The Joint Delivery Action Plan sets out the actions that will be put in place to deliver the strategic outcomes, together with indicators to measure success. Progress for the strategic actions will be monitored by the City Centre Living Strategic Working Group, with updates on progress being provided as part of the annual review of this recalibrated City Centre and Beach Masterplan. This ensures that the plan is a fluid document which can respond and react to changes in the city centre. It also allows for performance to be monitored and evaluated.

The city centre plays a major role in the commercial, economic, social, civic, and cultural life of Aberdeen and the wider North-East. It is an important regional centre providing a focus for employment and business interaction. It offers access to a wide range of goods and services, and it is a place where many people meet socially and choose to live and visit.

It is vital for the future prosperity of Aberdeen that the city centre is enhanced and promoted as a resilient, safe, attractive, accessible, and well-connected place which contributes to an improved quality of life. Living in the city centre is a positive way to ensure it has vibrancy, vitality and viability and support an economy based around day-to-day living. To achieve this there needs to be an increase in the number of people living in the city centre.

The City Centre and Beach Masterplan encourages City Centre Living and aims to add 3,000 new residents to the city centre by 2040. A mix of unit types and sizes would be supported through the emerging new Aberdeen Local Development Plan to ensure there is variety of living accommodation. Additional residential development and conversion of upper floors in the city centre, particularly where the property is underutilised, can help achieve this aim.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING WAIVER

An affordable housing waiver was introduced in September 2018 to stimulate delivery of housing in the city centre. Thus far, 736 housing units have been granted permission in the city centre since the introduction of the affordable housing waiver with 288 units pending a decision at the beginning of July 2022. Of these units, over 360 have been completed.

For comparison, before the affordable housing waiver was introduced, there was only one application for 37 units submitted between January-September 2018. There were two applications for 18 units in 2017, and one application for 42 units was submitted in 2016. The success of the waiver in bringing forward new development is reflected by the data above. Following the introduction of the waiver, a greater number of planning applications for residential development have come forward and been approved, with a number having been completed, others under construction and a considerable number pending planning permission.

This suggests that the waiver, as well as other market factors, have been successful in delivering more residential living opportunities in the city centre.

It is notable that during 2021 and 2022 there have been a larger proportion of applications for small residential developments. During 2022, 13 applications for residential development are valid and 8 of these are for fewer than 5 new residential units. This is notable because these applications would fall out with the developer

Action	Current Status
Brand	
Identify brand and target market in relation to city centre regeneration which includes city centre living.	The brand is being developed through the City Centre Masterplan. Target market is to be developed.
Ensure Invest Aberdeen website is also a resource for new talent wishing to locate to the city, residents as well as investors which focuses on the city centre regeneration.	A new mini-site will set out the aims and objectives of city centre regeneration, the projects involved, the initiatives that are in place for both residents and developers and encourage interaction.
Commercial Properties	
Work with the private sector to encourage new development and conversion of vacant commercial premises into residential properties.	Continue to work with local agents and building owners.
Continue to engage with occupiers, stakeholders, developers, and local agents to ensure that commercial accommodation, suitable for current market trends are delivered in the city centre.	Continue to work with local agents and building owners.
Empty Homes	
Use Council Tax Second Homes Funds to recruit an additional Empty Homes Officer to provide additional focus on bringing long term empty residential properties in the city centre back into use.	The city centre has the highest number of long-term empty residential properties in the city. Report to be submitted to City Growth & Resource Committee seeking approval for additional Empty Homes Officer in September 2022. Operational action plan is to be developed in relation to tackling high volume of empty residential properties in the city centre.

obligations threshold regardless of the waiver. Based on the uplift in the number of applications, permissions and starts on site, as well as a number of permissions not being subject to developer obligation due to their size it is not considered necessary to waive further additional types of developer obligations in the city centre and continue to focus on affordable housing for applications of more than 5 units only. Developer obligations for all planning applications are considered on their merits and if further viability considerations are necessary to aid delivery, then this will be done on a case-by-case basis as is current practice.

JOINT DELIVERY ACTION PLAN

The tables below and to the left summarises the actions which will be taken forward to promote more City Centre Living.

Empty Homes	
Use Council Tax Second Homes Funds to recruit an additional Empty Homes Officer to provide additional focus on bringing long term empty residential properties in the city centre back into use.	The city centre has the highest number of long-term empty residential properties in the city. Report to be submitted to City Growth & Resource Committee seeking approval for additional Empty Homes Officer in September 2022. Operational action plan is to be developed in relation to tackling high volume of empty residential properties in the city centre.
Transport	
Continue to support the outcomes and delivery of CCMP, Beach Masterplan and a revised Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan to promote active travel to the city centre.	Refer to CCMP and Beach Report to Council in June 2022.
Implementation of a bike hire scheme across the city.	Discussions are ongoing with a provider of bikes.
Update and refresh Local Transport Strategy and Active Travel Action Plan to improve cycle network across the city.	Updated Local Transport Strategy is currently being prepared. Active travel infrastructure is also being taken forward in the Bus Partnership Fund programme.
Developer Obligations	
Extend the affordable housing waiver for a longer period.	Recommendation to Council to extend the affordable housing waiver until 31 December 2025. Further information below.

4.0 CURRENT CONTEXT

4.9 IMPACT OF OTHER MAJOR INITIATIVES ON ABERDEEN

There are a number of major initiatives in and around Aberdeen at various stages of development that may impact on the City Centre and Beach Masterplan. These are summarised below and are being monitored to understand how and what their impact may be.

GREEN FREEPORTS

Aberdeen City Council, alongside Aberdeenshire Council, Port of Aberdeen, Peterhead Port Authority and Aberdeen International Airport has lodged a bid to be considered as a green freeport area in Scotland. The 'zone' is expected to cover Peterhead to Aberdeen South Harbour including the Energy Transition Zone to the south of the city.

Due to the tax incentives available to areas that benefit from this status and the estimated £175 million of capital funding from the Scottish Government, a Green Freeport is expected to improve GVA in the northeast by £7.5 billion over the next 10 years. Limited information is available at this time on the true economic benefits of a Freeport however early indications have shown that approximately 30,000 extra jobs could be created with 14,000 being directly linked to the tax benefited sites within the Freeport itself, and the remainder in the wider region.

The levers available to the Green Freeport are only available to new investors of expanding companies and would not be approved if causing local displacement. Many of the skills already utilised by the energy sector are transferable to offshore energy and ambitious Green Freeport proposals aim to make the north east the Net Zero Capital of Europe and retain and attract talent to the city region for the next phase of offshore energy production.

Job security plays a key role in the demand for housing in the region and therefore a minor increase in demand for homes across the City and Shire is expected, particularly in areas close to the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route which would have access to the Green Freeport corridor. The impact on the City Centre and Beach Masterplan will depend on the range of jobs available and the salary level. For example, if younger workers are attracted then this may assist to reduce the number of flats on the market in the City Centre and enhance City Centre Living opportunities.

ABERDEEN SOUTH HARBOUR

The £400m South Harbour project will significantly increase opportunities in the energy, Cargo/logistics and cruise sectors due to the enhanced and future proofed harbour facilities it will provide.

Economically, this will bring many benefits to the City and encourage ongoing investment. The adjoining Energy Transition Zone (ETZ) will provide landslide infrastructure for a Net Zero energy cluster creating a centre of excellence for floating offshore wind and other renewables. The zone is expected to create 2,500 jobs and a further 10,000 energy transition related jobs across the region.



ABERDEEN SOUTH HARBOUR EXPANSION, SOURCE: GOOGLE IMAGES

4.0 CURRENT CONTEXT

4.10 EMERGING CITY TRENDS

In order for Aberdeen to maximise its success as a vibrant global city and a great place to live, the following future trends have been identified to ensure any development as part of this recalibration exercise is fully aligned with evolving market demand, creates a sense of belonging and community, and promotes a more sustainable ethos.

THE 20 MINUTE CITY

The recent pandemic has forced people to use their neighbourhoods for a multitude of reasons – not least because travel had been reduced to essential trips only. Since shops have reopened, people have continued to support their local businesses demonstrating a renewed sense of community. Far from being a new phenomenon however, it is in fact a return to an ancient and organic way of urban life, where people live, work, play, thrive and survive all within convenient proximity.

The 20-minute city is a concept that defines cities by its neighbourhoods or districts. Instead of centralising provisions in city centre's or central business districts, services and facilities are dotted around a city according to where people live. Residents are able to obtain most of what they need to both live and work within a short trip from their home, ideally without the reliance on cars.

The Scottish Government have used the NPF4 (National Planning Framework) to establish a people-first hierarchy. This translates into three distinct outcomes; first, neighbourhoods are about quality and lifestyle; second, they operate at a human scale; and third, this builds resilient and sustainable local economies, which is far better for those invested in them.

The 20-minute neighbourhood concept improves local liveability by focusing on compact areas of growth increasing density of future developments. This action will benefit individuals and communities by improving the accessibility of services and localising economic growth. A key element of this action is a commitment to building with nature by creating multifunctional blue and green networks, working with local climate action projects, and reducing vehicular traffic by creating active travel routes, such as dedicated pedestrian and cycle avenues.

THE RETAIL SHIFT

Consumer shopping habits have evolved as online retailing has become more prominent, and this has been further reinforced by the Covid-19 pandemic. The UK Business Rates system, rising staff costs and heightened import tariffs due to Brexit have all added to significant pressures on occupiers across the country. These challenges were not a result of the pandemic, but it has accelerated these underlying trends.

Indeed, national retailers have been rationalising and shrinking their portfolio of stores with a large number of well-known high street names disappearing from the high streets across the country (Oasis, Laura Ashley, TM Lewin, to name a few).

Studies show that local people want to see more local businesses in the City Centre. There is a significant oversupply of retail units and this stream of closures leads to a stigma in the City and impacts some views on residing in the city centre. This challenge falls within the concept of the 20-minute city and re-purposing empty commercial space to create a vibrant, sustainable communities which encourage activity and footfall at all times of the day. Creating an active, safe community improves residents' views of the city centre and encourages them to want to live there.

The City Centre and Beach Masterplan addresses this shift by re-examining traditional retail experiences and re-focusing them toward local businesses. Commercial-minded projects such as the new Aberdeen Market, illustrate this response to changes in user preferences.

SMART CITIES

SMART (Specific Measurable Achievable Relevant Timely) cities initiatives prioritise better connecting citizens with their local Council while seeking to improve energy efficiency and sustainability in the city. Citizens themselves are better informed, able to move around their city's more strategically, driven by data, and are encouraged to be active and healthy through promotion of user-friendly apps, such as GoABZ launched at the end of 2021.

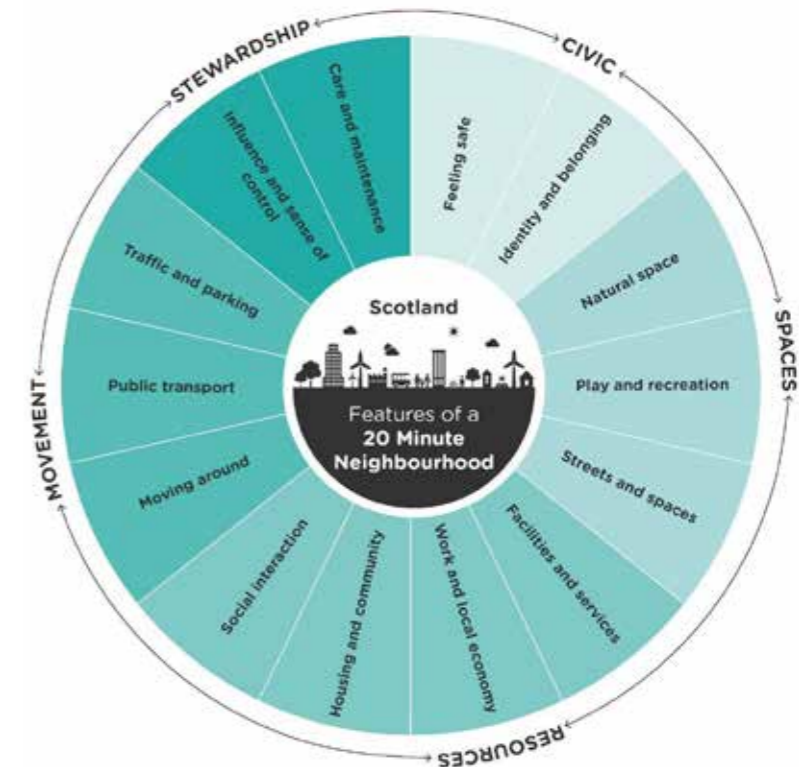
Officers will continue to work through the Aberdeen Smart Cities partnership to link strategic outcomes to specific themes and technologies identified as part of the City Centre Masterplan review the Smart City themes include cleaner and greener, connected communities, technology futures and data & AI. The partnership includes membership from across public and private sector.

The aim of the Smart Cities partnership is to link project delivery associated with the key themes to the concept of Aberdeen as a living laboratory geared towards driving innovation and attracting inward investment. Specific focus is being placed on working through the universities and schools to establish a career pathway for renewable energy skills ensuring that the City has high quality talent to service commercial demand. In addition, the development of digital and energy backbone initiatives will be used to address the challenges of digital poverty and energy poverty thereby ensuring equality of opportunity and access across the city.

Aberdeen City Council have engaged the services of the Connected Places Catapult (CPC) to baseline current smart city maturity for the Council and Aberdeen. Work to benchmark against peer cities to help compare and identify areas of potential learning from others that might benefit Aberdeen will also take place. CPC will work with key stakeholders through a series of workshops to define short list of recommendations and a defined roadmap. This work will inform the refresh of the Council's Smart City Strategy later in 2022.



20 MINUTE NEIGHBOURHOOD MOVEMENT HIERARCHY
SOURCE: OURPLACE.SCOT



FEATURES OF A 20 MINUTE NEIGHBOURHOOD IN THE SCOTTISH CONTEXT
SOURCE: OURPLACE.SCOT

4.0 CURRENT CONTEXT

4.11 PLACE BASED OPPORTUNITIES

Place is a key pillar of public policy and investment in Scotland, which has increased in importance in recent years. Aberdeen City Council has identified the importance of place-based approaches focused on collaboration to join up infrastructure, services, and partnerships to meet local needs more effectively and efficiently. A successful place is where people, location and resources combine to create a sense of identity and purpose and is at the heart of addressing the needs and realising the full potential of communities. This Masterplan is a place-based review of the City Centre and Beach to determine how best to transform these areas and promote positive future change.

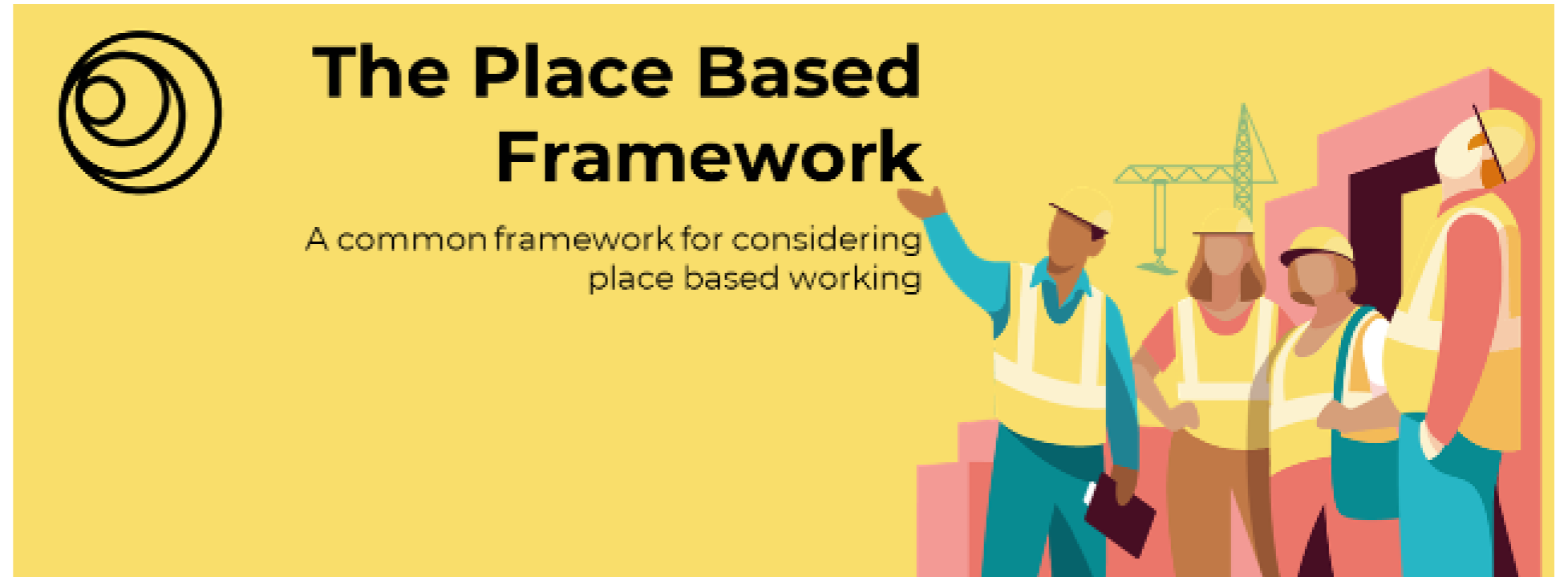
Places are shaped by the way resources, services and assets are directed and used by the people who live in and invest in them, and so a more joined-up, collaborative and participative approach to services, land and buildings across all sectors enables better outcomes for everyone and increased opportunities for people and communities to shape their own lives.

There has been significant consultation with citizens and businesses of Aberdeen on their ideas for the future of the City Centre and Beach, including consultation around green spaces, accessibility, travel and transport. As a result, the Council has begun to invest in community and cultural assets via the Place Based Investment Fund and recognise that this just a first step in what is a long-term approach to Aberdeen the Place.

Moving forward, the aim of the City Centre and Beach Masterplan should be to complement the new Local Development Plan and maximise the impact of investment on the attractiveness of Aberdeen as a place to live, invest and work. This will include but not be limited to enhancing transport and digital connectivity, the natural environment and supporting the Regional Economic Strategy. The approach must build on the progress made in recent years and continue to concentrate on long-term priorities. It must put Aberdeen the Place at its heart and focus on the region's approach to sustainable, inclusive economic development and improved wellbeing.

Through a focus on place-based development, this Masterplan is an investment in Aberdeen's community and economy. The Place Principle has been adopted by the Scottish Government and COSLA, and it promotes a better understanding of what gives a place an identity – including collaborative development across sectors, localising ownership and economic growth, and enables local flexibility to respond to issues.

Such a cross-sectional approach is illustrated by the Aberdeen City Centre and Beach Masterplan. Key projects include improving public realm and civic spaces, as well as commercial locations. Related projects include multiple public realm improvements, such as Union Street Central, prioritisation of active travel routes, such as the Beach Boulevard, restoration of heritage buildings, such as the Union Street facade works, and enhancement of commercial nodes, such as the Aberdeen Market. The extent of the Masterplan reaches from the beachfront to the city centre and beyond, ensuring that the impact of the proposed improvements is experienced on a large scale. More information on the aforementioned projects can be found in Section 6 of this report.



A COMMON FRAMEWORK FOR CONSIDERING PLACE BASED OPPORTUNITIES
SOURCE: OURPLACE.SCOT

5.0 MOVEMENT STRATEGY

5.1 ROADS HIERARCHY

Following the opening of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (AWPR) in 2019, Aberdeen City Council and partners adopted a revised Roads Hierarchy for Aberdeen, the purpose of which was to support the effective and efficient distribution and management of traffic around the city, making best use of new infrastructure such as the AWPR and to facilitate delivery of the City Centre and Beach Masterplan by providing a means of reducing through-traffic in the city centre.

One of the key principles agreed for the Hierarchy was that the city centre should be a destination rather than a through-route for vehicular traffic and crossing the city centre by car should be discouraged. While the city centre will remain accessible to all vehicles, accessing and exiting the city centre should, as far as possible, be by the same route, with car parking signage reflecting this. This essentially means that traffic accessing the city centre from the north would be directed to a car park in the north of the city centre, and traffic accessing from the South would be directed to a southern car park. While it will still be possible to travel from the south of the city centre to the north of the city centre by car, this will involve using an appropriate bypass route, thus preserving the central core for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users, and supporting place-based aspirations for the city centre.

A revised network of priority, secondary and local routes for Aberdeen were identified, with:

- Priority routes - generally radial routes connecting the AWPR with key destinations and secondary routes, to allow movement around Aberdeen without using the city centre as a through-route (high movement function, low place function);
- Secondary routes - secondary movement corridors allowing access from priority routes to local routes (medium to high movement function); and
- Local routes - tertiary movement network serving local destinations, such as city centre car parks (low movement function, high place function).

In some cases, a formal reclassification of streets was undertaken, with city centre streets largely removed from the priority and secondary hierarchy. Guild Street, Union Street, Castle Street and the southern section of King Street, for example, were all reclassified from A-roads to unclassified roads, to reflect that these are no longer primary traffic routes. All priority and most secondary routes now stop at the outskirts of the city centre, from where key destinations and car parks can be accessed via local routes. This is to reflect the City Centre and Beach Masterplan's emphasis on the city centre as a place that prioritises people over vehicles.

By reclassifying City Centre streets to better emphasise their Place function, the City Council has been able to introduce general traffic restrictions in support of the City Centre and Beach Masterplan's aspirations. Following a temporary pedestrianisation of Union Street Central during the Covid-19 pandemic to enable physical distancing, the space re-opened to buses, taxis, cycles and service vehicles only in June 2022, with general traffic now permanently restricted.

In June 2022 the Council also approved the implementation of additional public transport priority measures around this central core, with the Market Street, Guild Street and Bridge Street 'loop' (which connects Union Street with the bus and rail station and ferry terminal) to be made bus, cycle, taxi and servicing access only from late 2022. This work forms part of the successful bid to the Scottish Government's Bus Partnership Fund where £12 million has been granted by Transport Scotland to Aberdeen City Council to work with partners in the North East Bus Alliance to develop and deliver bus priority interventions.

Any traffic movements through the city centre that are no longer possible as a result of City Centre and Beach Masterplan works will be redirected in accordance with the Roads Hierarchy. This is facilitated by improvements to the secondary corridors of South College Street (B983) and Berryden Road (B986) which enable the removal of significant traffic volumes from the city centre by addressing likely congestion hotspots which, if left untreated, could delay buses accessing the city centre, result in a hostile environment for pedestrians and cyclists, and worsening air quality in these areas.

5.2 ENABLING WORKS

South College Street Junction Improvements

The impact of traffic displacement from the city centre, as a result of City Centre and Beach Masterplan implementation, was assessed and complimented by traffic modelling, with the South College Street / Queen Elizabeth Bridge / North Esplanade West junction identified as a congestion pinch point due to the displacement of east-west routing traffic from Union Street and Guild Street conflicting with north-south traffic entering and exiting the city centre area.

Road and junction operation improvements have therefore been identified to help alleviate this anticipated pinch point in the network and enable the delivery of the desired city centre bus priority.

Implementation of the first phase of the project commenced in June 2022.

Berryden Corridor Improvements

The Berryden Corridor Improvements will provide substantial benefits across the north of the city including improved journey times, reduced congestion and improved pedestrian and cycle provisions.

Similar to the South College Street works, the Berryden Corridor Improvements will help to reduce conflict congestion pinch points in the network, which may have otherwise increase as a result of traffic displaced from the City Centre and Beach Masterplan measures. It is anticipated that the project will commence in the next 2 years and will take 2-3 years to complete.



CITY CENTRE ROAD NETWORK CHANGES (2022), SOURCE: ACC



CURRENT + FUTURE CYCLE ROUTES WITHIN THE CITY CENTRE AND BEACH MASTERPLAN BOUNDARY

5.0 MOVEMENT STRATEGY

5.3 ABERDEEN RAPID TRANSIT - BUS PARTNERSHIP FUND CORRIDOR STUDIES

Aberdeen Rapid Transit (ART) is a vision, first noted in the revised Regional Transport Strategy Nestrans 2040, for a high-frequency, high-capacity public transport network in Aberdeen, with ART corridors connecting key destinations across the City and the wider region (including the city centre, major employment sites, universities) via efficient priority routes, supported by integrated multimodal interchanges.

The concept has since received national recognition in the second Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR2) and the draft fourth National Planning Framework (NPF4), with feasibility and design of the network now progressing via the Scottish Government's Bus Partnership Fund (BPF) which looks to enable local transport authorities and bus operators to work together to develop and deliver ambitious bus priority schemes to tackle the negative impacts of congestion on bus services.

As part of the consideration of corridors which may be appropriate for ART, the Council is undertaking a series of studies to look at opportunities for ART (and other sustainable travel improvements) on key routes to, from and around Aberdeen. Along with the ART feasibility, and design work for bus priority (and active travel) measures on these corridors is also progressing via the BPF. These studies are developing in the context of the revised Roads Hierarchy which encouraged a change of perception of priority and secondary routes in that these should be viewed as 'movement' corridors rather than simply 'traffic' corridors.

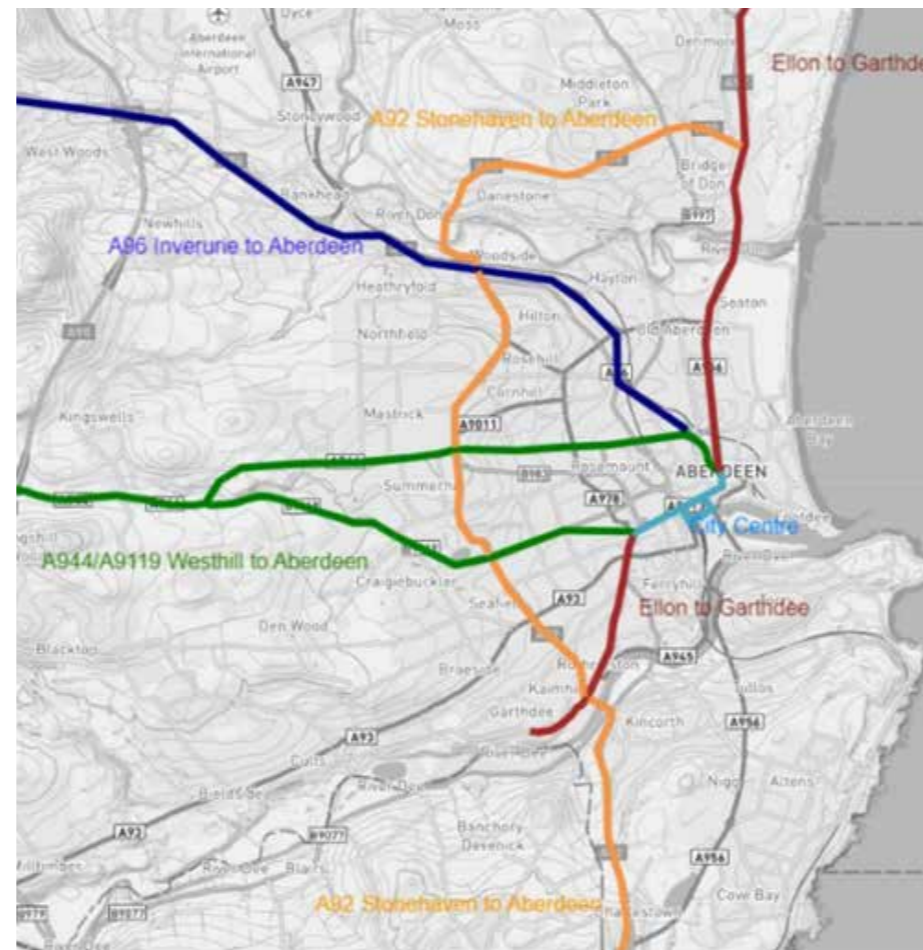
Corridors under review as part of the BPF and considered appropriate for ART include: Ellon to Garthdee, A96 Inverurie to Aberdeen, A944/A9119 Westhill to Aberdeen corridor, A92 Stonehaven to Aberdeen, and the City Centre.

These corridor improvement strategies, therefore, as they move towards implementation, coupled with the realisation of the ART network to and through the city centre, will ensure that the city centre becomes a much more attractive and welcoming destination for trips undertaken by walking, cycling and public transport.

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ASPIRATIONAL ART NETWORK
SOURCE: NESTRANS



ABERDEEN BUS PARTNERSHIP FUND CORRIDORS
SOURCE: ACC



DOUBLE DECKER HYDROGEN POWERED BUS - A WORLD FIRST, SOURCE: GOOGLE IMAGES

5.0 MOVEMENT STRATEGY

5.4 LOW EMISSIONS ZONE

In May 2022, ACC declared a Low Emission Zone (LEZ) in the City Centre. A 2-year grace period (during which enforcement will not take place) commenced from this date, meaning that enforcement will take place from 1st June 2024.

The LEZ is an area where the driving of vehicles which do not meet the specified emissions standards is prohibited. The aim of the LEZ is to improve air quality within the City Centre Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) to ensure compliance with the Scottish Government's air quality objectives, particularly for the pollutant nitrogen dioxide (NO₂).

Although pollution levels have been improving in Aberdeen in recent years, in many city centre locations monitoring stations still show regular exceedance or near exceedance of the annual mean NO₂ objective. Air Quality modelling has shown that, even with the delivery of ambitious transport improvements, such as those identified in the City Centre and Beach Masterplan, emissions exceedances will remain unless tailpipe emissions are also addressed.

Air pollution is believed to be a contributing factor in a number of serious health problems suffered by individuals, and the number of health concerns linked to poor air quality is growing every day. This has a disproportionate impact on the most vulnerable members of society, particularly the young, elderly and those with chronic heart, lung and respiratory conditions.

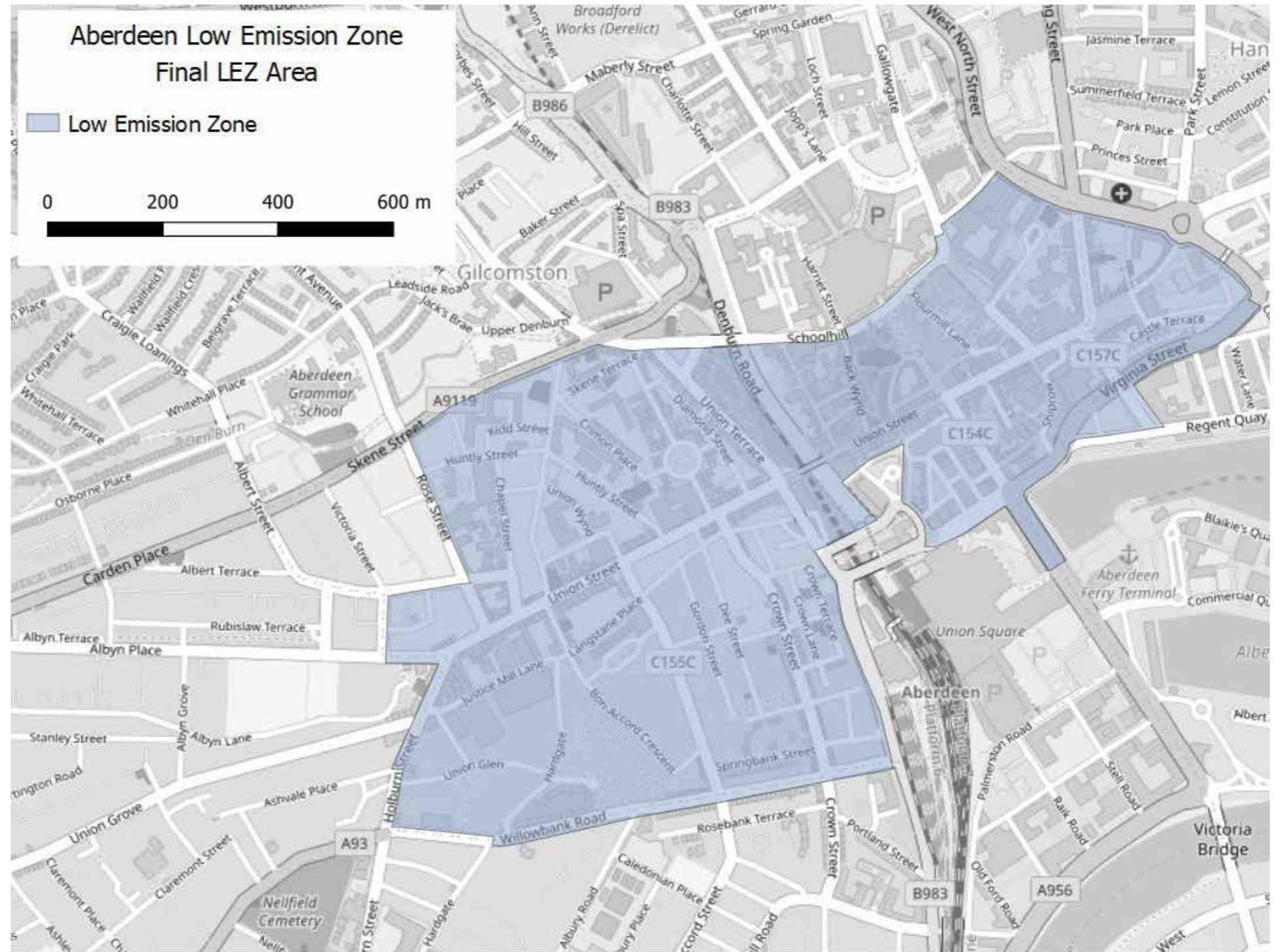
As well as the Public Health benefits, there are wider benefits to improving air quality, in terms of making Aberdeen and the City Centre safe, desirable and welcoming environments for living, working, shopping and leisure. In this regard, we anticipate the LEZ will support economic recovery and city centre regeneration as we emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The LEZ also supports the transport aspirations of the City Centre and Beach Masterplan by reducing the number of vehicles in the city centre, thus freeing up more space for sustainable travel priority measures, and ensuring that remaining vehicles are as clean as they can be.

5.5 SUPPORTING MEASURES

The above measures all seek to improve and enhance connectivity to and permeability of the city centre by active travel, public transport and other low emission forms of transport and are complemented by a number of ongoing initiatives being progressed by ACC and partners:

- Ongoing expansion of the pedestrian wayfinding network;
- Launch of an on-street bicycle rental scheme;
- Programme of sustainable transport-themed events and promotions;
- Growth and expansion of the Aberdeen Car Club; and
- Continued expansion of the electric vehicle (EV) charging and hydrogen refuelling network.



ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL MAP OF PROPOSED LOW EMISSIONS ZONE
SOURCE: ACC

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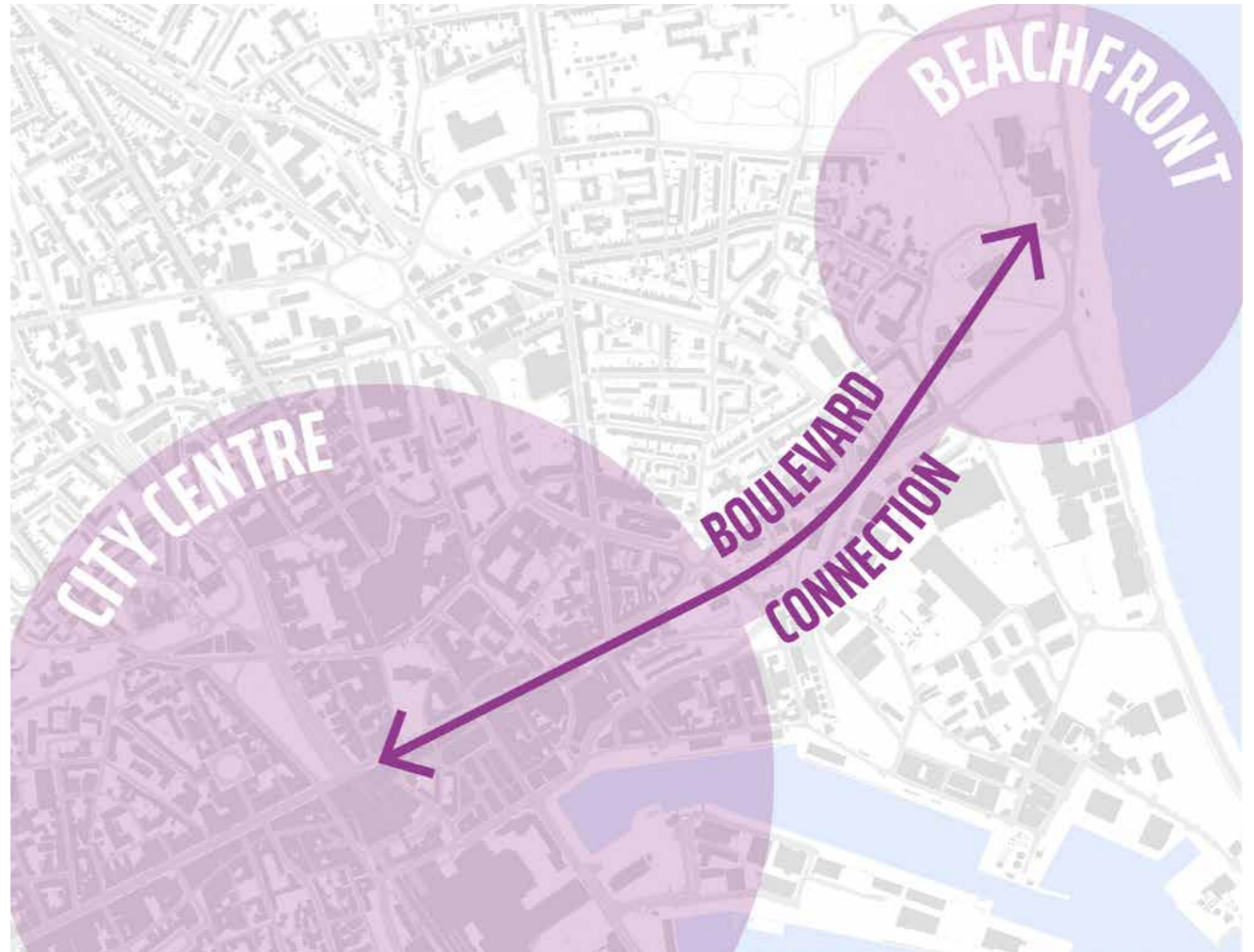
6.1 OVERVIEW

The development of Aberdeen's City Centre and Beach is driven by the global significance of Aberdeen as a metropolitan hub and the energy capital of Europe, but also recognises the need to ensure that the City Centre serves the needs and aspirations of local people. The City Centre and Beach Masterplan therefore takes a coordinated approach to future development across the city centre and beachfront areas which prioritises active travel and spaces for people, with a focus on environmental and economic sustainability.

The Masterplan strategy focuses on facilitating better connections by linking the city centre and beachfront via the Beach Boulevard, revitalising Union Street as a primary east/west connecting spine and creating an extensive programme of streetscape works proposed for key city neighbourhoods. These enhancements made to the public realm will support increased levels of active travel, such as walking and cycling, which promote healthier lifestyles and lower levels of emissions.

The proposed interventions in Aberdeen's City Centre and Beachfront have the potential to change the way that current and potential future residents and visitors experience and view the city. Key projects, as noted overleaf, will deliver a series of enhanced public realm areas, buildings, event and experience spaces that seek to revive the unique historic core of Aberdeen whilst creating a forward looking, distinctive and welcoming City. This will support economic recovery and growth following the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and support the continued diversification from oil and gas-based industries to green infrastructure, emerging technologies and renewables.

This Masterplan will undoubtedly enhance the prosperity of the City Centre and beachfront areas, whilst improving the quality of life of those that live, work and visit. This can serve as a catalyst to increase visitor spend in Aberdeen's retail, leisure and hospitality businesses, and could encourage more people to live in and invest in the city.



CITY CENTRE AND BEACH CONCEPTUAL DIAGRAM

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6.2 KEY PROJECTS

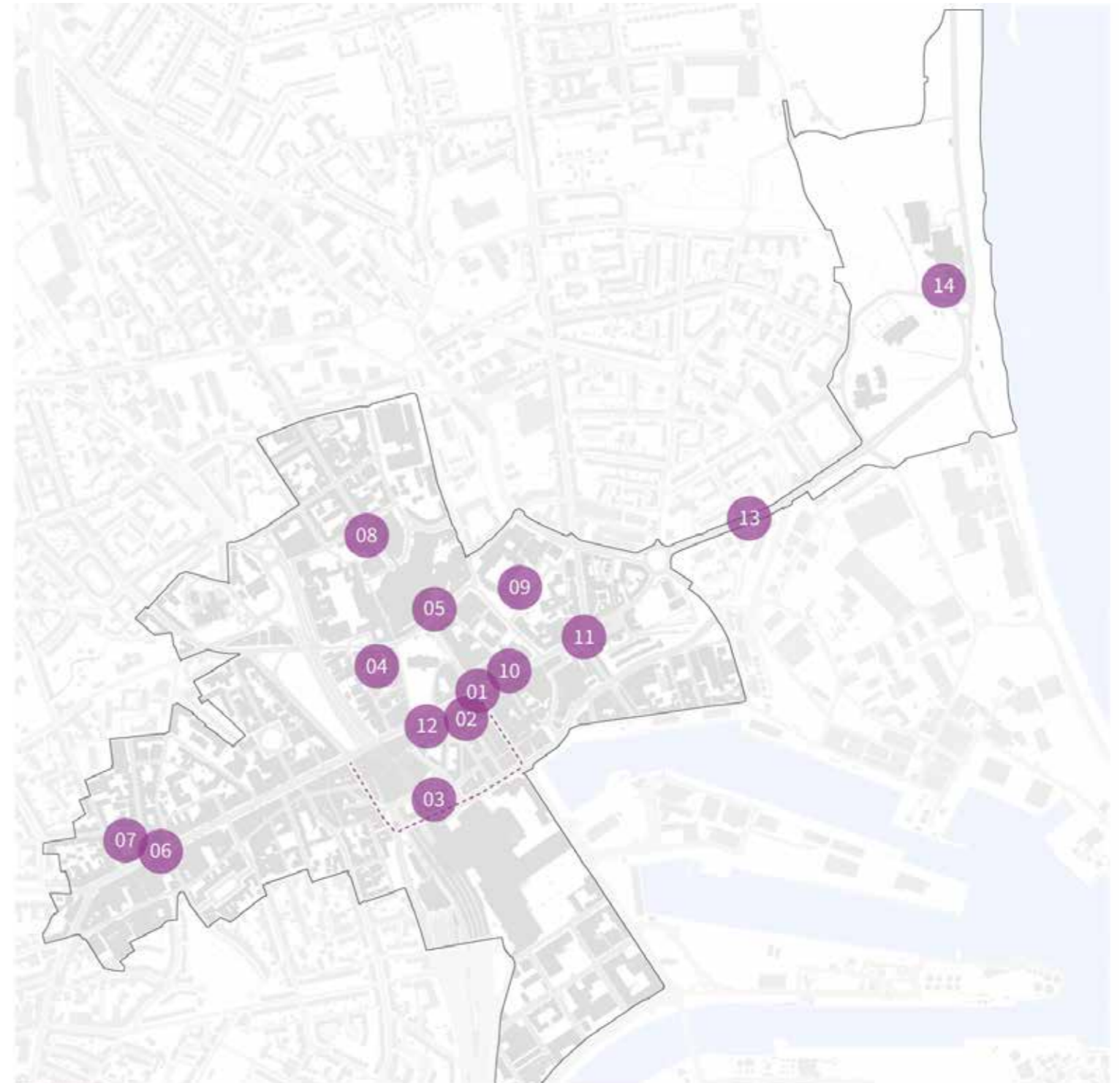
The City Centre and Beach Masterplan is defined by a number of key projects, each with their own character, uses, relationships, connections and contribution to the wider Masterplan. All have been identified following extensive public consultation and review against the overall Masterplan vision and SMART (Specific Measurable Achievable Realistic Timely) objectives. These exciting projects are described over the following pages to explain their vision, qualities and current status of design and/or implementation.

The location of the key projects are shown opposite and are defined as follows:

- 01 Union Street Central Public Realm
- 02 Aberdeen Market
- 03 Aberdeen Market to Guild Street Public Realm
- 04 Belmont Quarter
- 05 Schoolhill + Upperkirkgate
- 06 Union Street West
- 07 West End
- 08 George Street
- 09 Queen Street
- 10 Union Street East
- 11 Castlegate
- 12 Union Street Facade Works
- 13 Beach Boulevard
- 14 Beach Projects

In addition to the list above, bus, taxi/private hire and cycle priority will be implemented on Bridge Street, Market Street and Guild Street to achieve the safe and efficient movement of active travel and public transport users through the city centre. These measures were approved by Aberdeen City Council in June 2022 and are planned for implementation later in 2022, subject to statutory processes.

--- Bus, taxi/private hire + cycle priority



KEY PROJECT LOCATIONS

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6.2.1 UNION STREET CENTRAL PUBLIC REALM

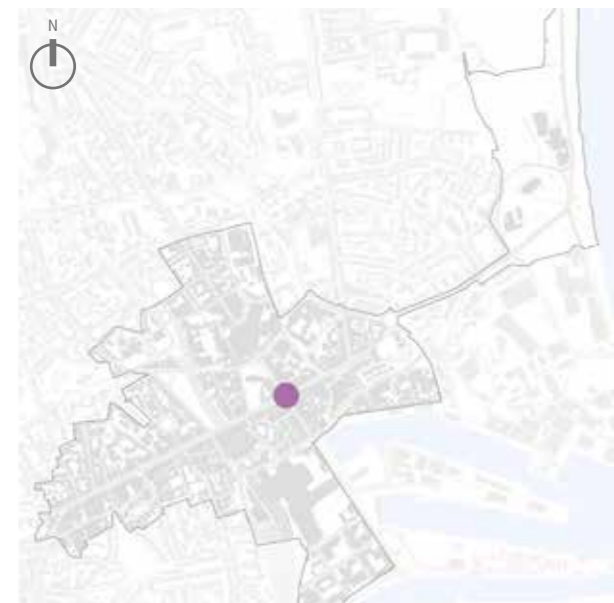
STATUS: Full Business Cases currently being prepared to be reported to Full Council in December 2022

The programme of streetscape projects will deliver improvements to the public realm across the city centre and towards the beachfront.

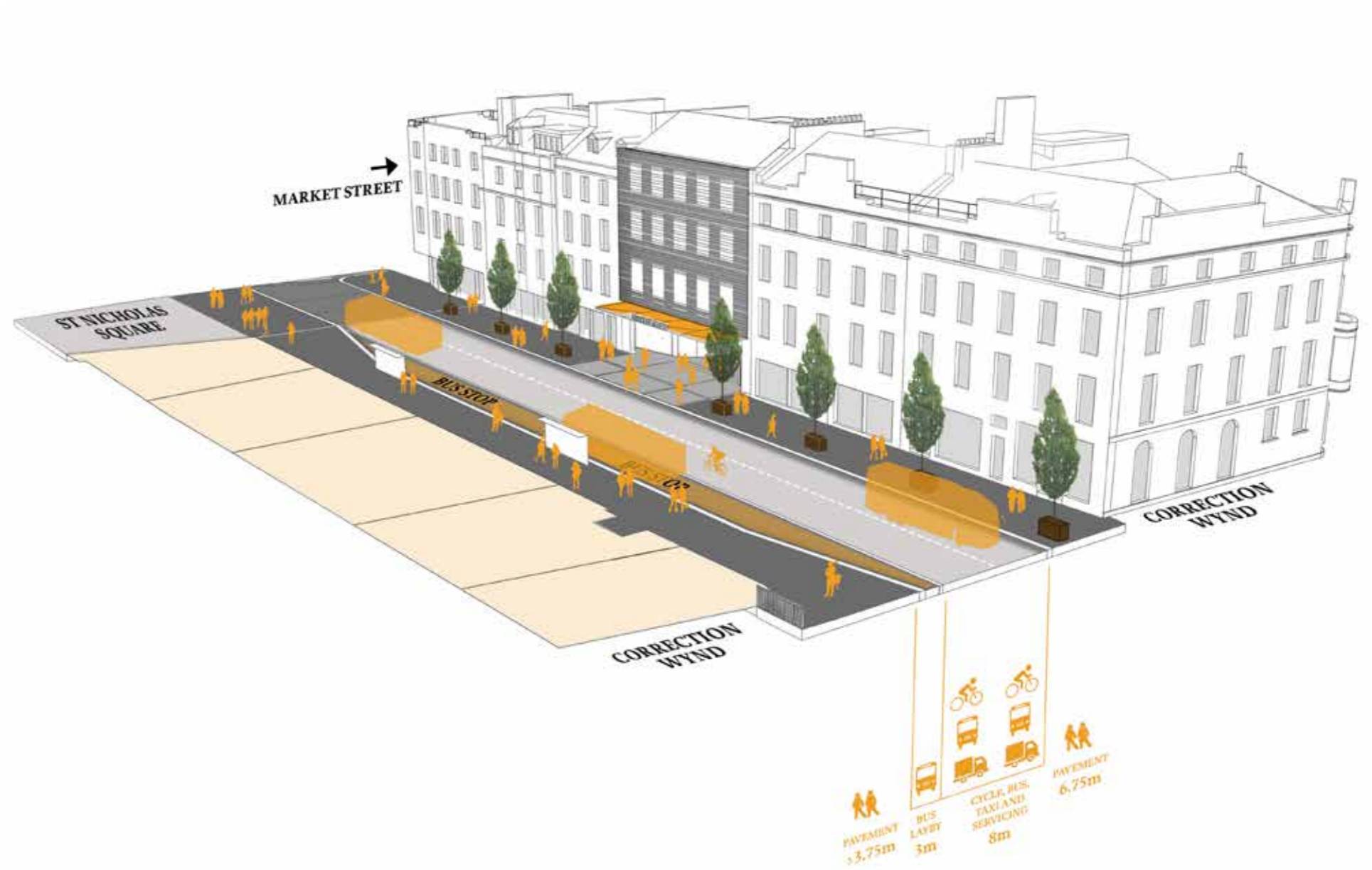
Following an Options Appraisal exercise, in June 2022 Aberdeen City Council decided to proceed with an option which included bus access to Union Street Central. The design will comprise of two lanes for cycle, bus, taxi and servicing access with intermittent lay-bys for buses in order to facilitate boarding and alighting. This will allow for pavement widening, the introduction of urban greenery and potential for street occupation. Crossing points will be incorporated to facilitate easy pedestrian movement north and south.

Street furniture will be placed adjacent to kerbs to maintain a clutter-free, safe-movement corridor for pedestrians and wheeled users. Feature paving will be used to highlight key architectural elements and buildings.

The Union Street Building Improvement Survey report issued in February 2022 identified a pilot project to prioritise improvement works to the area between Market Street to Bridge Street. This has been selected to complement the proposed works to Union Street streetscape, Union Terrace Gardens and the forthcoming new Aberdeen Market building. This will set the tone for the remainder of the street and give a clear indication to the occupiers, landlords and tenants of the properties on Union Street how improvements may be simplified, made more cost effective and set out what support Aberdeen City Council could offer to assist in the process. This is discussed further in Section 6.2.12.



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PROPOSED STREETScape DIAGRAM BETWEEN ST NICHOLAS SQUARE + CORRECTION WYND

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6.2.2 ABERDEEN MARKET

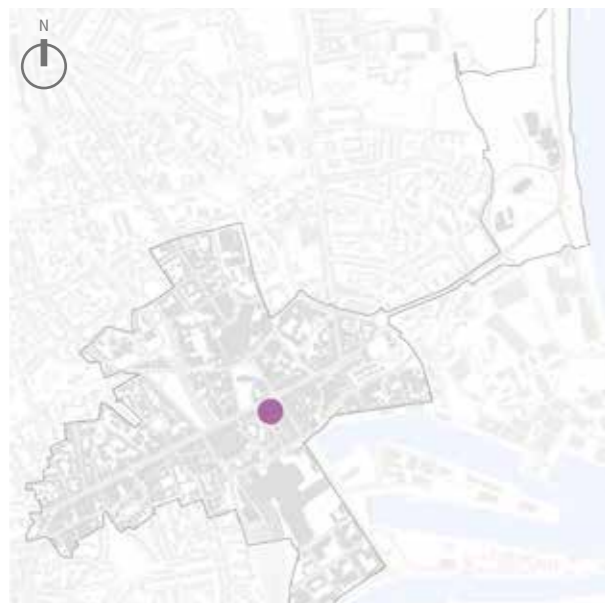
STATUS: Planning permission approved in May 2022 (Application Reference 211517/DPP). Currently in RIBA Stage 4 Technical Design.

The new Aberdeen Market will be a destination venue and new attraction in the heart of the city centre featuring an international-style food and drink outlet promoting local produce and goods alongside continental style delicatessens and cafés. A key element of the new Market building will be to improve connectivity and accessibility between Union Street and the bus and rail stations at Union Square. Frontage will be created on Union Street and will incorporate the infrastructure and streetscape works programme.

The design will feature a mixture of fixed indoor units of various sizes alongside event space for temporary and pop-up facilities allowing for increased variety and flexible to seasonal requirements. An external, canopy covered flexible space also features which could be used for music events or further market space. This will provide opportunities to develop and grow local businesses, particularly within the key food and drink sector.

Demolition of the old Market and BHS building is complete and the site is secure. Planning Approval, with Conditions, was granted on 17th May 2022, with RIBA Stage 4 design started in July 2022. Following a national search for an operator carried out by property advisors, a preferred market operator has been chosen by Aberdeen City Council to progress heads of terms discussions around the commercial aspects of the occupation and running of the new Aberdeen Market.

Construction of the Market will commence in 2023, and last for a period of approximately 98 weeks.



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INDICATIVE VIEW OF THE ABERDEEN MARKET LOWER FOOD HALL

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6.2.3 ABERDEEN MARKET TO GUILD STREET PUBLIC REALM

STATUS: Detailed design being developed in consultation with key stakeholders with results to be presented to Full Council in August 2022.

The area around Aberdeen Market and The Green retains much of its historical character and feel, whilst forging a strong identity as a centre for high quality street art. Currently, the market area and The Green are 'off the beaten track' and are more likely to be stumbled across when exploring the city than as key destinations. However, the redevelopment of Aberdeen Market will see a much greater footfall in the area, altering the existing character into a safe, vibrant and exciting area of Aberdeen City Centre.

The scope area is split into four projects which can be undertaken within different time-scales. The key project is creating the connection between Union Street, the Market and down to the station via Carmelite Street. This will improve the through-route from the Market across Hadden Street, down Carmelite Street onto Wapping Street, Guild Street and into the train and bus stations. The second project is the regeneration of Carmelite Lane, implementing street greening and enhanced lighting along with improved surfacing for ease of access. Rejuvenating Carnegie's Brae and the restoration of East Green also forms part of this phase.

The third phase will see Hadden Street and Market Street works progressed giving the Market building a civic presence to Market Street. The fourth project deals with the widening of footways and improvement of surfacing to allow easier accessibility on Correction Wynd. It will also deal with the rationalisation and coordination of various spill out spaces on The Green along with the re-conditioning of the Union Street staircase.



LOCATION PLAN



INDICATIVE VIEW LOOKING NORTH FROM WAPPING STREET TOWARDS THE MARKET, VIA CARMELITE STREET

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6.2.4 BELMONT QUARTER

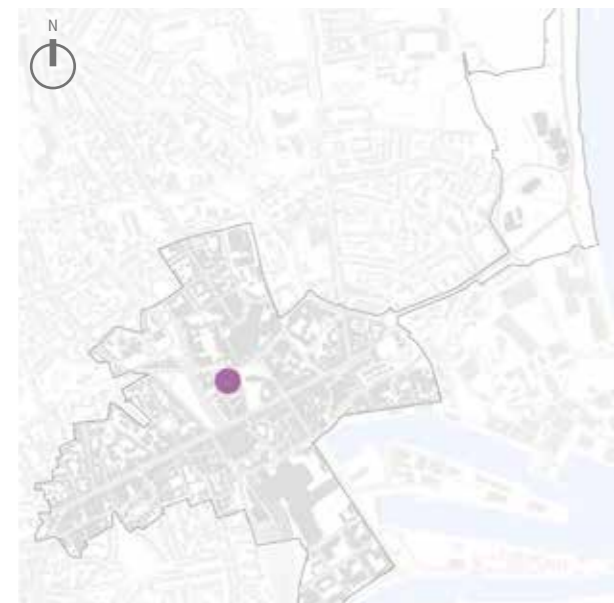
STATUS: Detailed design and delivery ongoing in conjunction with local stakeholders

Within the Belmont Street Quarter, the proposals rationalise the carriageway to allow for the permanent introduction of external spill-out spaces for cafés, restaurants and bars along with public seating whilst allowing for service vehicle access to be maintained.

Public seating is introduced at key locations within the streetscape which allow for people to rest, dwell or have lunch, whilst taking in the unique character and atmosphere of the area.

Spill-out spaces have been carefully curated to ensure that a degree of uniformity in keeping with the historic nature of the area is maintained throughout.

The proposals allow for the incorporation of play, public art and feature lighting at key locations in the area. Street greening is included in zones associated with the public seating and cafe spill-out areas.



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INDICATIVE VIEW OF NORTH BELMONT STREET

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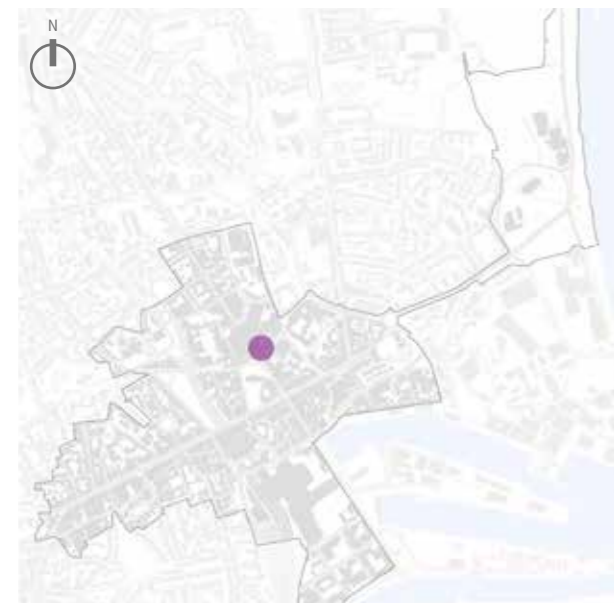
6.2.5 SCHOOLHILL + UPPERKIRK_GATE

STATUS: Full Business Case currently being prepared to be reported to Full Council in December 2022

Located immediately north of the Union Street Central zone, Schoolhill and Upperkirkgate is an area of the city containing a number of landmark buildings and visitor attractions including the Kirk of St Nicholas and Aberdeen Art Gallery.

The Schoolhill and Upperkirkgate streetscape project will provide improved public realm which prioritises pedestrians with reduced vehicular access and enhanced experience for walking and wheeling. Where possible, carriageway widths will be reduced to allow footways to be widened. This will extend the implemented works around the War Memorial and Art Gallery and create a permanent space for street activities and public art at Upperkirkgate.

Upperkirkgate will be pedestrianised between Harriet Street and Flourmill Lane, with a plaza space created outside the Aberdeen Art Gallery at Schoolhill. Proposals to enhance the setting of the Gallery include public seating, space to allow for street spill-out including external cafe space and the civic and cultural activities associated with the Gallery, enhanced public realm, street greening and sustainable urban drainage in the form of a rain garden.



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INDICATIVE BIRDS EYE VIEW OF THE PROPOSED PLAZA FROM ABERDEEN ART GALLERY

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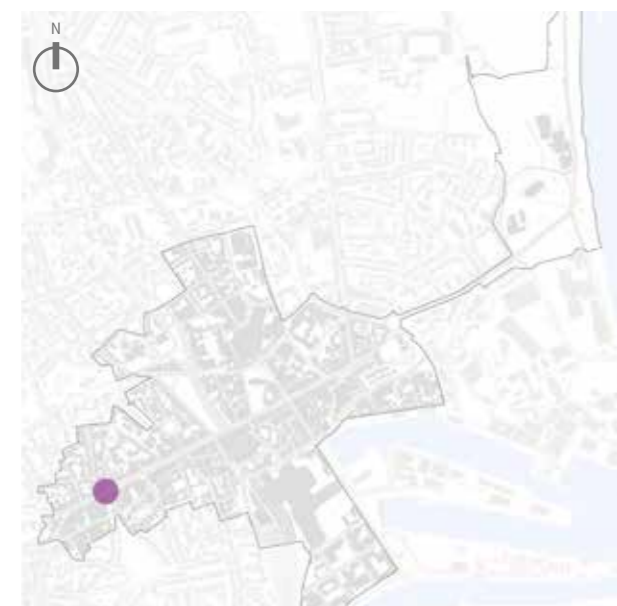
6.2.6 UNION STREET WEST

STATUS: Full Business Cases currently being prepared to be reported to Full Council in December 2022

The western end of Union Street forms a gateway to the city and has seen significant commercial investment with the construction of both the Capitol and Silver Fin office buildings.

The streetscape around Union Street West shall be improved through rationalising the carriageway and widening footpaths, with the opportunity to increase street greening and seating. This will maximise pedestrian space along the length of Union Street creating appropriate settings for safe on street activity.

The proposals will see the space within the existing streetscape reapportioned in favour of pedestrians and public transport, whilst still allowing for service vehicle access. Clutter-free plaza spaces are proposed at key locations, such as outside the Music Hall, to celebrate the City's rich heritage.



LOCATION PLAN

INDICATIVE VIEW OF UNION STREET WEST

6.0 MASTERPLAN PROJECTS

6.2.7 WEST END

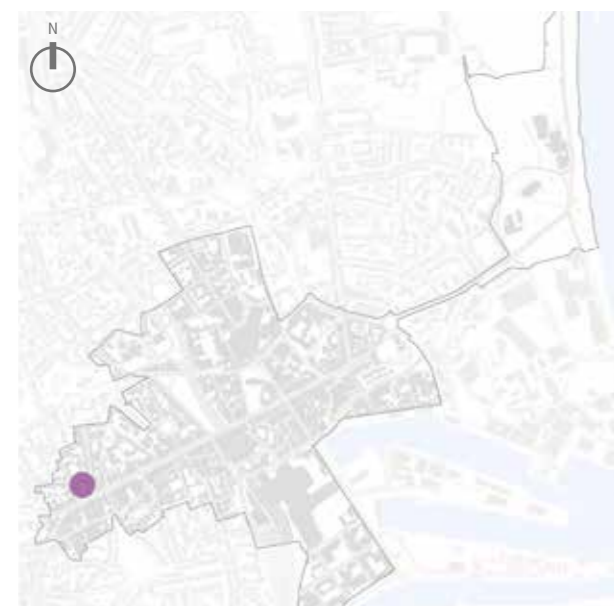
STATUS: Full Business Cases currently being prepared to be reported to Full Council in December 2022

The proposals seek to enhance the unique character of the West End to create welcoming and comfortable spaces within which to dwell for extended periods of time. This will be achieved largely by reappportioning carriageway space within Rose Street, Thistle Street and Chapel Street to better respond to, and service the needs of the area.

Clear, unobstructed footways will be maintained, whilst space from the carriageways will be allocated to flexible 'service zones' either side of these. These flexible zones within the streetscape are designed to potentially accommodate cafe spill-out areas, disabled parking, taxi ranks and elements of street greening where appropriate.

The apportioning of space within the 'service zones' will be further considered through appropriate engagement during the next stages of the project.

In addition to the provision of space for external spill-out areas, the proposals seek to further enrich the public realm through the considered placement of planting and feature lighting within the streetscape. The designs propose the introduction of feature catenary lighting creating a 'ceiling of lights' over the streets, further enhancing the unique qualities of the area whilst bringing a human scale to the streetscape.



LOCATION PLAN



INDICATIVE VIEW OF WEST END ENTRANCE FROM UNION STREET TO CHAPEL STREET

6.0 MASTERPLAN PROJECTS

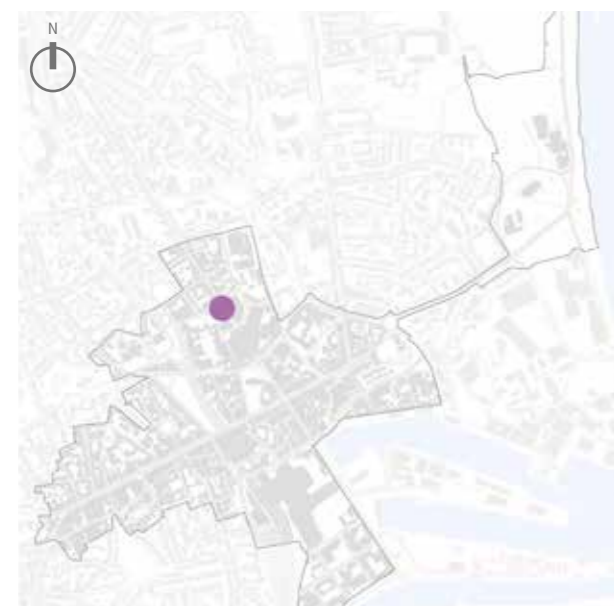
6.2.8 GEORGE STREET

STATUS: Draft George Street Mini Masterplan is currently being prepared and will be reported to Full Council in December 2022.

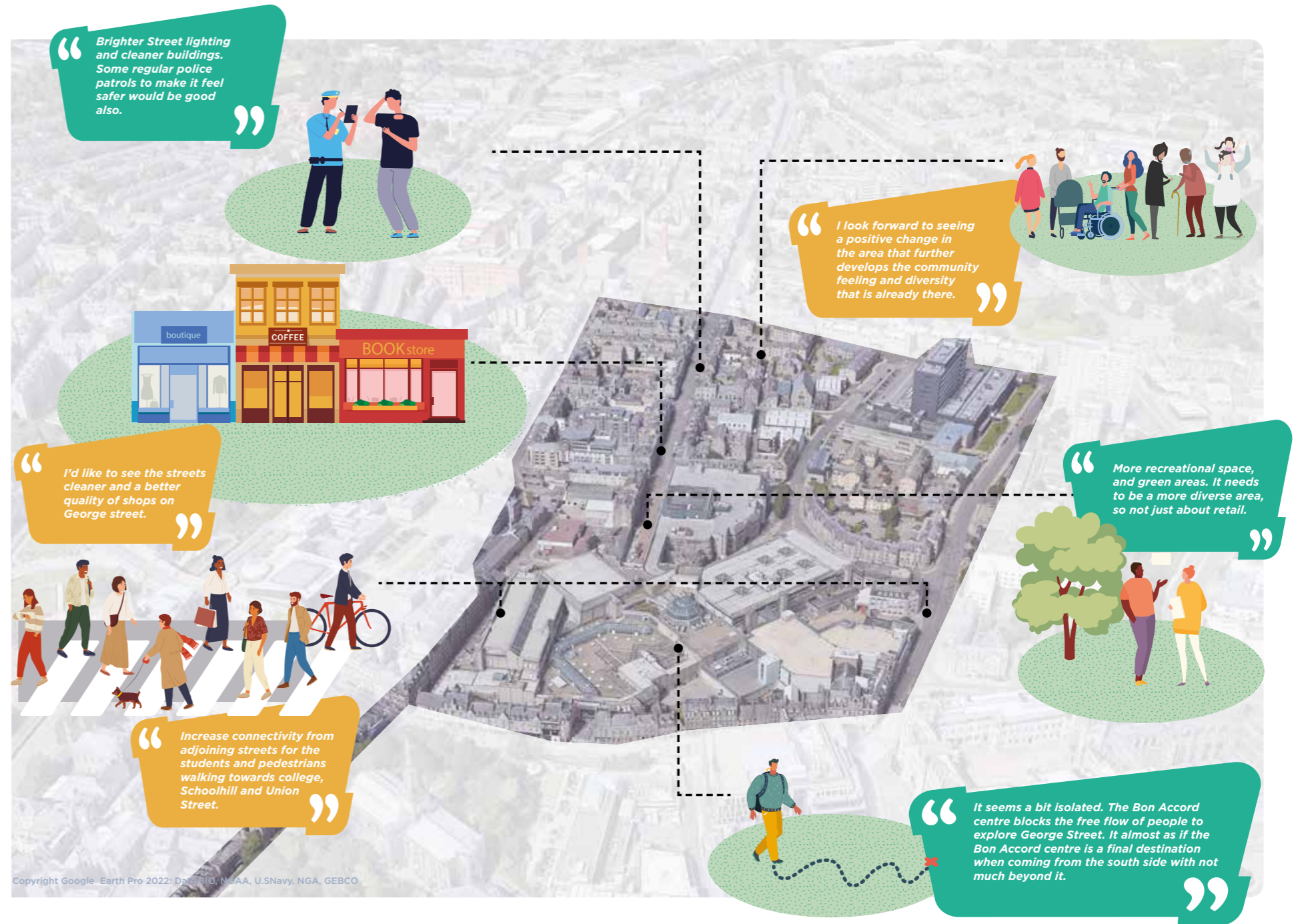
The George Street neighbourhood is located towards the northern boundary of the Masterplan zone. George Street itself runs North to South, forming a key link between the city centre core and areas to the north of the city. The area is dominated by the Bon Accord Centre and bounded to the West by Robert Gordon College.

The neighbourhood is a significant area of consideration with the context of the wider City Centre and Beach Masterplan, but given its distinct location and make up, will also be subject to its own Mini Masterplan exercise. To inform this Mini Masterplan a comprehensive engagement process was carried out by Aberdeen City Council in early 2022, to understand local stakeholder and community members views and aspirations for the George Street area. The aim of the consultation process was to encourage people to share ideas and experiences of George Street. The consultation exercise also invited comment on the area's key issues, it's strengths and perceptions of proximity to the city centre, in order to establish a picture of how the area functions on day to day basis and how the local and surrounding community use and interact with the place.

The feedback generated by the consultation exercise identified clear themes and areas for intervention from those who use and visit the area on a daily basis, such as revitalising the streetscape and improving the pedestrian experience. Further developing these themes will help set out a clear vision and objectives for the area as preparation on the Mini Masterplan continues.



LOCATION PLAN



ASPIRATIONS FOR CHANGE DIAGRAM

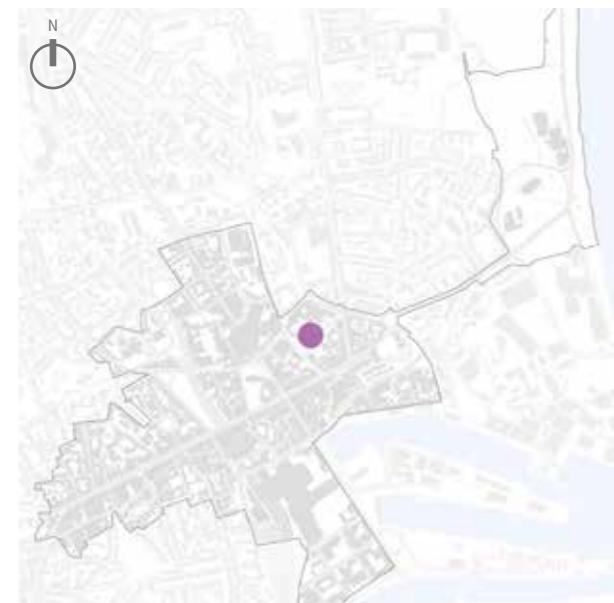
6.0 MASTERPLAN PROJECTS

6.2.9 QUEEN STREET

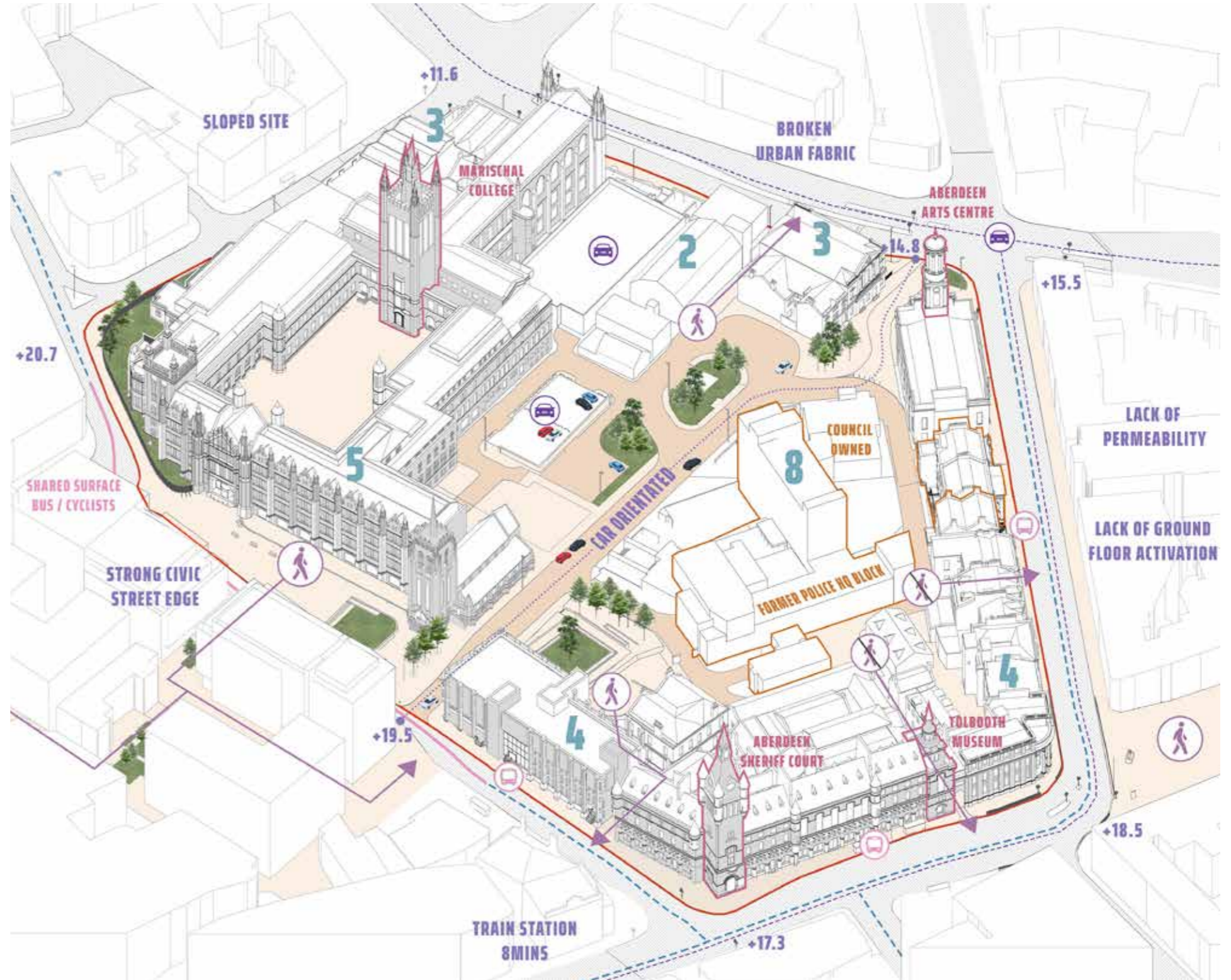
STATUS: An Options Appraisal is currently being progressed for the Queen Street Development Zone to inform a Strategic Business Case to be completed by December 2022.

The Queen Street neighbourhood, located to the east of the city centre, is defined by three key zones: the city's administrative centre at Marischal College, the Marischal Square mixed-use development and the cluster of buildings to the south of Queen Street. These zones form the edges to the recently completed Broad Street public realm. To develop this site as part of the City Centre and Beach Masterplan, the proposed initial actions are as follows:

- Revisit the Vision + Objectives for Queen Street, in light of market conditions and aligned to the City Centre and Beach Masterplan 2022
- Develop a suite of overarching objectives for the appraisal
- Include or take cognisance of the Townhouse, Townhouse Extension, Archibald Simpson House, Arts Centre, SCTS Sheriff Court & Civil Annexe, Marischal East, Trinity Church, Lemon Tree, and Greyfriar's Church
- Estate rationalisation to include historic buildings in the periphery and the former Police HQ



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SITE ANALYSIS DIAGRAM

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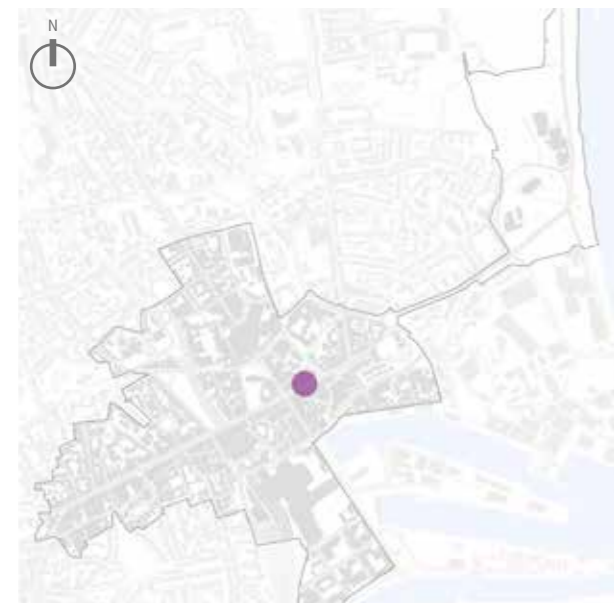
6.2.10 UNION STREET EAST

STATUS: Full Business Cases currently being prepared to be reported to Full Council in December 2022

Union Street East's location to the east of the city centre provides immediate links to the Harbour and forms a gateway to the City when approached from the Beach via Castlegate.

The Union Street East streetscape project shall provide enhanced public realm along Union Street from Market Street to where it joins the Castlegate. The proposals will see the space within the existing streetscape reappropriated in favour of pedestrians and public transport whilst still allowing for service vehicle access. Where possible, carriageways have been reduced in width as to allow footways to be widened.

The proposed reappropriation of space within the street allows for the introduction of public seating at key locations along Union Street East which will offer welcoming amenity to all and opportunities for rest for the less able whilst encouraging a wide range of visitors to the city centre. The proposals allow for the incorporation of play, public art, and feature lighting at key locations along Union Street East. These proposals which will be developed at the next stage of the project will be carefully considered as to ensure a commonality of approach with respect to Union Street West, Central and East



LOCATION PLAN



INDICATIVE VIEW EAST TOWARDS CASTLEGATE FROM CASTLE STREET / EXCHEQUER ROW

6.0 MASTERPLAN PROJECTS

6.2.11 CASTLEGATE

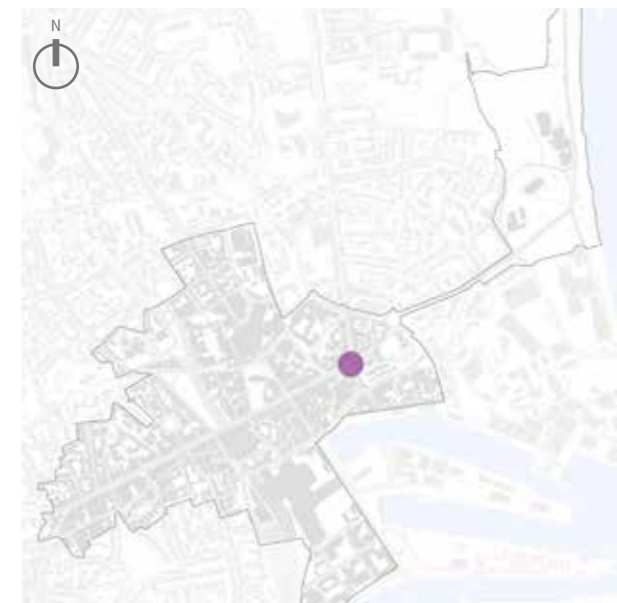
STATUS: Full Business Cases currently being prepared to be reported to Full Council in December 2022

The proposals seek to create a flexible public space to connect Union Street to the Beachfront via Justice Street, and enhance the unique historic qualities of the area.

The proposal will create a clutter-free, flexible space at the heart of the square, which forms a setting to the historic Mercat Cross. This will be an inviting and comfortable place for people to occupy on a day to day basis, whilst being able to accommodate larger scale events, pageants and gatherings when required.

The square will incorporate Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) where possible, alongside trees and herbaceous planting to create shade and shelter, as well as a welcoming, habitable space for people to be in and enjoy.

Pedestrian and cycle connectivity to the Beach will be improved, along with the opportunity for increased public seating and spill out spaces to help animate the square.



LOCATION PLAN

INDICATIVE VIEW OF PROPOSED CASTLEGATE CIVIC SPACE

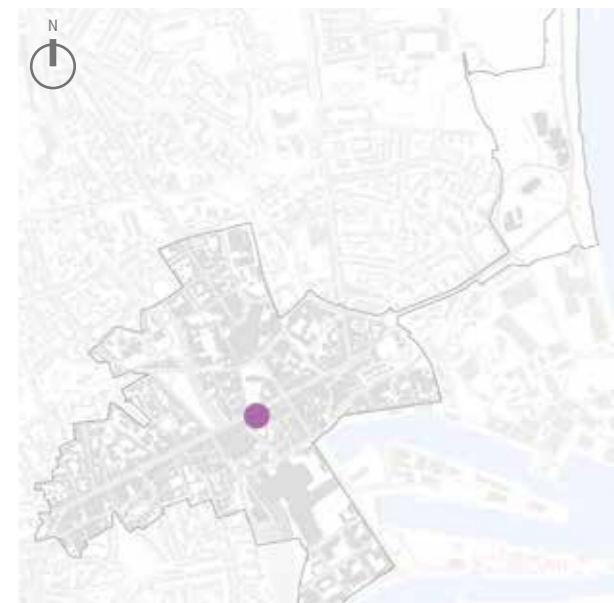
6.0 MASTERPLAN PROJECTS

6.2.12 UNION STREET FACADE WORKS

STATUS: Currently engaged in dialogue with key project stakeholders. First phase interventions expected to commence early 2023.

In response to public feedback during the 'The Future of Aberdeen City Centre and the Beach' public engagement exercise in June-July 2021, a high-level façade inspection of properties on Union Street was instructed and completed. This survey includes recommendations for improvement measures, including costs, constraints, methodologies and an implementation programme. At Full Council on 28 February 2022, Officers were instructed to prepare a plan for the implementation of improvement works to buildings on Union Street, to prioritise the area between Market Street to Bridge Street and to report progress to Full Council in June 2022.

Following on from the full Union Street survey report issued in February 2022 a pilot project from 107-131 Union Street has been selected to complement the proposed works to Union Street streetscape, Union Terrace Gardens and the forthcoming new Aberdeen Market building. This will set the tone for the remainder of the street and give a clear indication to the occupiers, landlords and tenants of the properties on Union Street how improvements may be simplified, made more cost effective and set out what support Aberdeen City Council could offer to assist in the process. This project provides an excellent opportunity to repair the historic fabric of the city as well as provide more attractive frontages to increase dwell time and retain tenants.



LOCATION PLAN



INDICATIVE VIEW OF PROPOSED UNION STREET FACADE WORKS PILOT PROJECT

6.0 MASTERPLAN PROJECTS

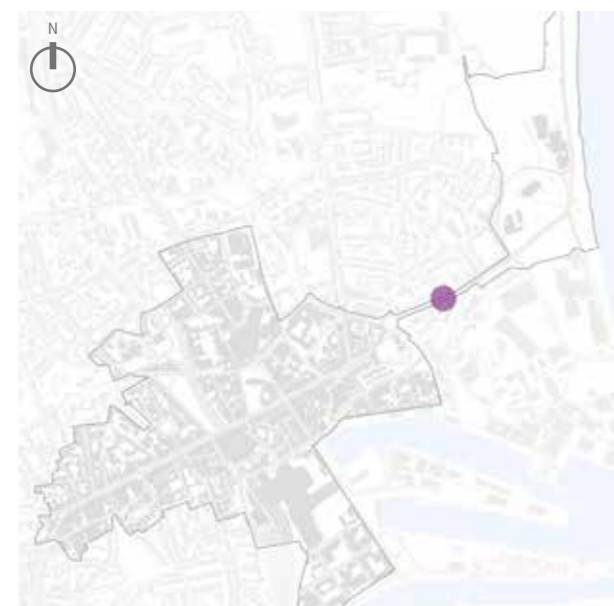
6.2.13 BEACH BOULEVARD

STATUS: Outline Business Case to be presented to Full Council in Q1 2023.

The Beach Boulevard is proposed as one of the main character areas of the Beachfront neighbourhood which runs from Links Road to the roundabout on the A956/Commerce Street. Options are currently being considered to reconfigure this route and to promote active travel between the beach and the city centre. Initial visioning work has been undertaken as part of the Beachfront Development Framework, which will connect the emerging Beach Boulevard with the Castlegate and Union Street East streetscape designs.

The reallocation of space along Beach Boulevard would improve both the ease and the quality of the journey between the city centre and the beach area, making it more attractive to pedestrians and cyclists and would provide environmental improvements through increased planting and improved water and air quality. This would positively impact on the area, including on surrounding buildings such as Hanover Street Primary School and the NHS Health Village on Frederick Street.

It is recognised that the development of the existing roundabout is inextricably linked to the emerging proposals for the Beach Boulevard and hence these projects will be developed as a coordinated piece of work. Currently, the existing roundabout at the west of Justice Street presents a significant barrier to pedestrian and cycle connectivity between the City Centre and the Beach. An Outline Business Case based on the redevelopment of the junction 'at grade' is now under development. In order to do this, work has started on the necessary technical studies which, combined with analysis of economic, social and environmental benefits, will be presented to the Council in Quarter 1 of 2023.



LOCATION PLAN



PROPOSED STREETScape WORKS TO BEACH BOULEVARD



INDICATIVE BEACH BOULEVARD VISION

6.0 MASTERPLAN PROJECTS

6.2.14 BEACH PROJECTS

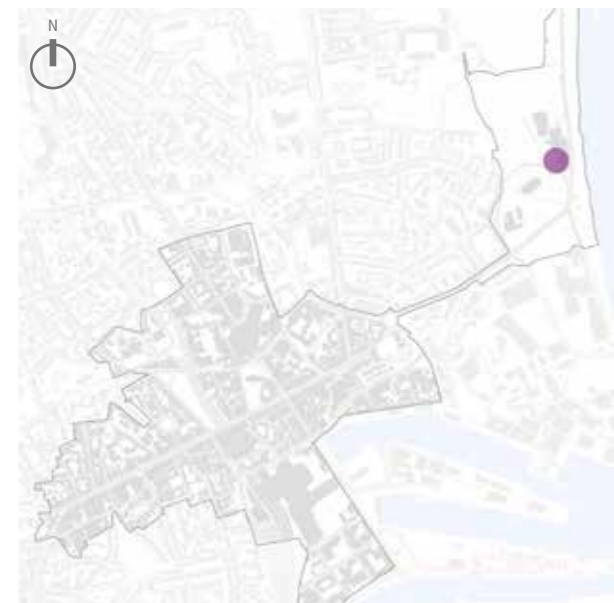
STATUS: Consultation on the Draft Beachfront Development Plan will take place in Autumn 2022, with a revised draft reported in December 2022.

The Beachfront is an area unique to the city of Aberdeen and its development offers an exciting opportunity to create a transformational new waterfront destination for the City of Aberdeen.

The Beachfront forms a significant part of the City's public realm offer to residents and visitors. It is linked to the city centre primarily by the Beach Boulevard via the Justice Street Roundabout, and there exists significant potential to better connect these areas via active travel routes to Castlegate and Union Street beyond.

The 2022 'Beachfront Development Framework' sets out a vision and key design principles for a world class sport, leisure and tourism destination with an innovative landscape-led approach. Within the Development Framework area a series of distinct character areas have been identified including, the Beach Ballroom, Events Park + Field, Core Play Park, Esplanade and Beach, Beach Boulevard, Broad Hill, Potential Stadium and Leisure and Beach Village.

At the heart of the proposals is the redevelopment of the iconic Beach Ballroom, alongside an enhanced public realm setting, potential new Stadium and Leisure complex and a dynamic new Urban Park. This people-focused environment will be inclusive for all, creating a real community asset and bringing the 'wow' factor back to the Beachfront.



LOCATION PLAN



INDICATIVE CONCEPT VISUALISATION OF THE BEACHFRONT

7.0 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT + COMMUNICATION

An Engagement Strategy for the City Centre and Beach Masterplan has been prepared which will support ongoing design development and implementation of the City Centre and Beach Masterplan.

Engagement is an over-arching term and includes activity such as information giving, consulting, involving, collaborating and empowering. The City Centre and Beach Engagement Strategy reflects the Council's overarching Engagement, Participation + Empowerment Strategy and will adopt other relevant Council policies e.g. in relation to inclusion and accessibility (such as using BSL and other languages/formats).

In June 2022, Council instructed the creation of a Stakeholder Forum to be a vehicle through which a range of stakeholders' views could be sought. In addition to the Stakeholder Forum, an ongoing programme of communication, consultation and collaboration will be implemented as individual elements of the Masterplan move from concept to design stage. This will build on engagement to date which has included:

- The city wide "The Future of Aberdeen City Centre and the Beach", consultation held in summer 2021.
- August 2021 – Beach stakeholder engagement event.
- City Centre Business Survey in September/October 2021.
- Focussed engagement with children and young people at key points throughout 2021 and 2022.
- Location and project specific engagement for example Belmont Quarter and Market Streetscape.

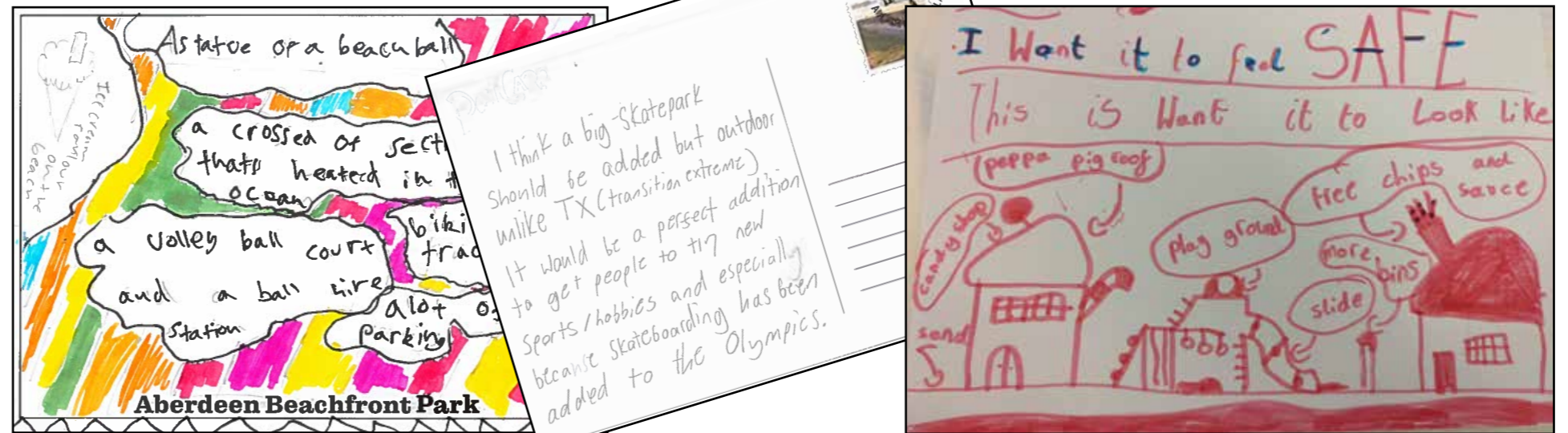
The summer 2021 "Future of Aberdeen City Centre and Beach" consultation received close to 8,000 responses and has helped the Council to prioritise its activities. The City Centre and Beach Engagement Strategy contains an ongoing programme of engagement which includes the following key activity for 2022/23.

- City Centre Streetscape projects – public consultation on Union Street, West End, Schoolhill, Upper Kirkgate and Castlegate over Autumn/Winter
- Beach Development Framework, Phase 1 public realm and strategic environmental assessment
- George Street – stakeholder engagement in relation to the preparation of a George Street Masterplan, following this public consultation on the Masterplan

A Children and Young People's (CYP) Engagement Strategy is being developed to support the Engagement Strategy for the City Centre and Beach Masterplan. The CYP Engagement Strategy will build on the proactive engagement with CYP that has been undertaken during 2021 and 2022 and expand the level of participation both in terms of age and location. The strategy will support children's and young people's rights and participation in planning, design and delivery of high quality places and will also align with and support the City's ambition to become a UNICEF Child Friendly City. Engagement methodologies will be collaborative and innovative, ensuring active participation is inclusive regardless of age, abilities, socio-economic status, culture or language. The strategy will also reflect the ambitions of the new Aberdeen City Council's Partnership Agreement including promoting creativity, excellence and opportunities for learning and culture, active travel, safer cycling and safe and sustainable green spaces.



FILM STRIP WHICH ILLUSTRATES SOME OF THE STILLS TAKEN FROM THE FEEDBACK VIDEO PRODUCED. THE VIDEO IS 6.41 MINUTES LONG AND INCLUDES A NARRATION WHICH EXPLAINS HOW THE IDEAS RECEIVED FROM THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ENGAGEMENT HAS HELPED SHAPE DESIGNS.



SOME OF THE IDEAS AND COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT UNDERTAKEN WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

8.0 DELIVERY PROGRAMME + PRIORITIES

8.1 DELIVERY PROGRAMME

The adjacent, high-level Programme Summary shows the timeline and key stages through Business Case development to design and construction for the City Centre, Market, Beach and Queen Street Development Zone projects.

Key activity within the next 12 months can be summarised as follows:

Union St Central

Start Design - Q3 2021
End Design - Q1 2023
FBC - Q4 2022
Start Construction - Q2 2023

Beach - Leisure Centre

Start Design - Q2 2022
End Design - Q3 2023
FBC - Q3 2023

Aberdeen Market (Streetscaping included)

Start Design - Q3 2021
End Design - Q2 2023
FBC (streetscape) - Q4 2022
FBC - Q2 2023
Start Construction - Q3 2023

Beach - Ballroom

Start Design - Q4 2022

Beach - Public Realm (A)

Start Design - Q2 2022
End Design - Q3 2023
FBC - Q3 2023
Start Construction - Q3 2023

Belmont Street Area

Start Design - Q3 2021
End Design - Q4 2022
Start Construction - Q1 2023
End Construction - Q2 2023

Beach - Public Realm (B)

Start Design - Q2 2022
End Design - Q4 2023
FBC - Q4 2023
Start Construction - Q1 2024

Schoolhill and Upperkirkgate

Start Design - Q3 2021
End Design - Q4 2022
FBC - Q4 2022

Queen Street Development Zone

Start Options Appraisal and Strategic Business Case - Q2 2022
End Options Appraisal and Strategic Business Case - Q4 2022
Start Full Business Case - Q1 2023

Union St East and Castlegate

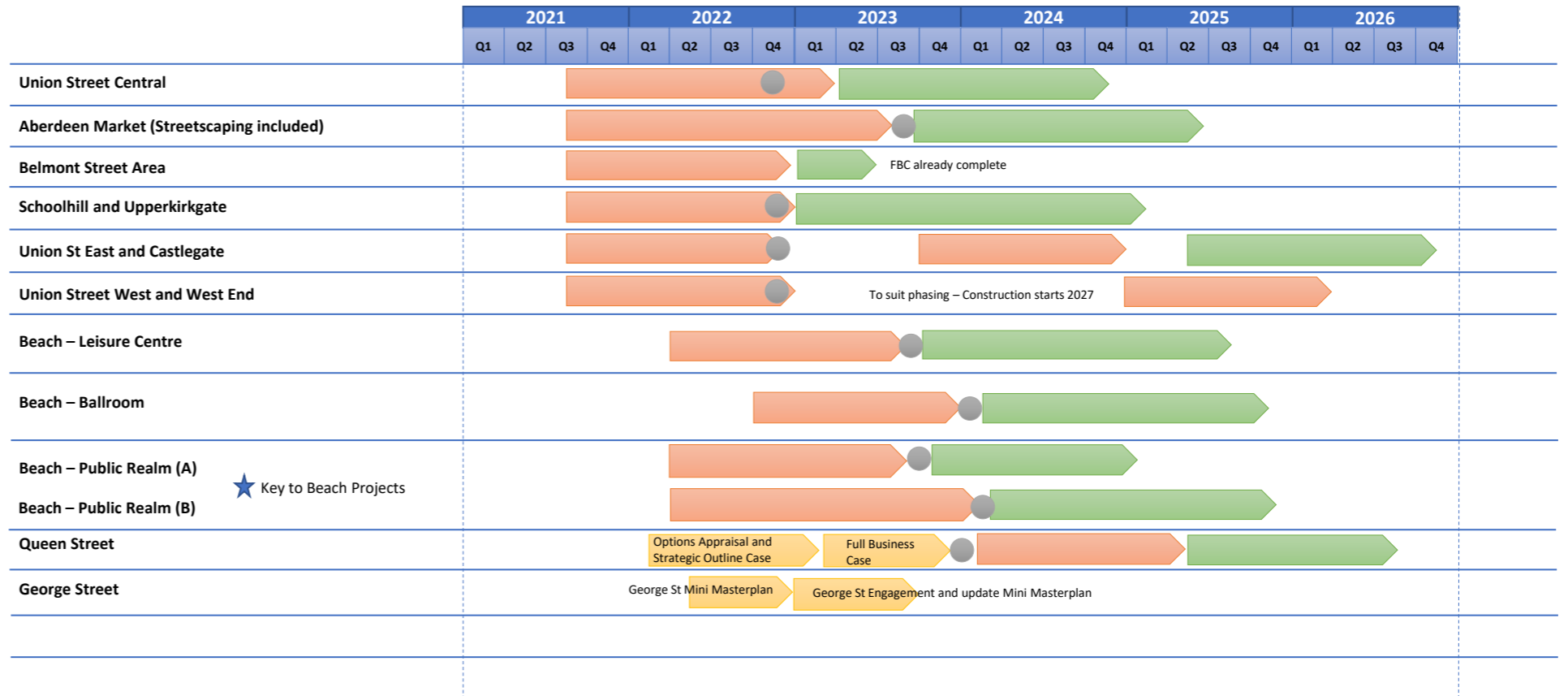
Start Design - Q3 2021
FBC - Q4 2022

George Street Mini Masterplan

Start Preparation of Mini Masterplan - Q2 2022
Report on Mini Masterplan - Q4 2022
Engage on Mini Masterplan - Q1 2023

Union Street West and West End

Start Design - Q3 2021
FBC - Q4 2022



KEY:

Design
 Construction
 Strategic Support Services

Full Business Case (FBC)

★ KEY:

Beach Public Realm (A): Events Field, Amphitheatre, Gateway Building, Broadhill and Sports Area, Pump Track, Part Play Parks
Beach Public Realm (B): Pedestrian Spine, Hub Building, Temp Landscaping, Canopies, Part Play Park, Beach Boulevard

INDICATIVE PROGRAMME OVERVIEW
 N.B. This Programme should be treated as indicative and provides the current thinking on milestones/decision points for ACC and delivery of the key Masterplan projects. It is very much dependant on the Statutory Consent and Planning Application processes required, which both may impact on the timescales currently envisaged.

8.0 DELIVERY PROGRAMME + PRIORITIES

8.2 PROJECT TEAM

CLIENT

Aberdeen City Council



LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

LDA



PROJECT + PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT

Hub North Scotland



LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT + GEORGE STREET MASTERPLANNING

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APPENDIX 01

SMART OBJECTIVES

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ACC CITY VISION
SMART OBJECTIVES

Specific
Measurable
Achievable (or Accountable)
Relevant
Timely

OBJECTIVE	WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?	SPATIAL LEVEL	METRICS	BASELINE DATA	CURRENT DATA	FREQUENCY	RESPONSIBILITY FOR REPORTING
MASTERPLAN							
City Centre population growth	More people live, work, and use City Centre facilities	City Centre	3,000S extra people living in the city Centre by 2040	Savills City Living Report February 2022	2020	Yearly	ACC
Increased GVA	Still having the highest GVA per head in Scotland	Local Authority	£s per annum	Real GVA per head	2019	Yearly	ACC
Reduction in crime (actual)	Offences and crime figures in a downward trend in the city Centre	Local Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30% fewer young people (12 to 17) charged with an offence and a crime by 2026 2% fewer people reconvicted within one year by 2026 1 point increase (4.31 -> 5.31) (/7) in the mean score for people who "Feel safe in the city Centre throughout the day and night" by 2026 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Convictions 2017-2018 Reconviction rate Baseline City Voice 41: June 2017 From Gov.Scot & City Voice	2017/18 2018/19 Sept 2021	Yearly	ACC
Increased footfall in the city Centre	More locals, visitors and tourists visiting Aberdeen throughout the year	Local Authority	10% increase in daily average footfall in the city Centre by 2026	Centre for Cities 2019	Feb 2022	Monthly	ACC
Reduced Office vacancy rates in the city Centre	Less empty office space in the city Centre	Aberdeen Central	2% (13.99% ->11.99%) decrease in the office vacancy rate in the City Centre by 2026	Aberdeen Central: CoStar	Q1 2022	Quarterly	ACC
Reduced Retail vacancy rates in the City Centre	Less empty retail units in the City Centre	Local Authority	1% (6.39% -> 5.39%) decrease in the retail vacancy rate in Aberdeen City by 2026	CoStar	2022	Yearly	ACC

Increased journeys by walking and cycling into the City Centre	More active travel across all demographics	City Centre	75% of people walking and 25% cycling as part of their usual mode of transport into the City Centre by 2026	City Voice reports 41 - 45	Sept 2021	Yearly	ACC
Increased ease of walking and cycling around Aberdeen	More active travel across all demographics	City Centre	2-point increase in the mean (/7) (3.7 -> 5.7) of people who say they can easily walk and cycle around the City Centre using good quality routes.	City Voice reports 41 - 45	Sept 2021	Yearly	ACC
Increase in cycling in the City Centre	More active travel across all demographics	City Centre	30% (1,244 -> 1,617) increase in average daily cycling in the City Centre by 2026.	Department for Transport	2019	Yearly	ACC
Reduction in car journeys in the City Centre	Less cars in the City Centre	City Centre	20% reduction in average daily traffic flow by 2026	Department for Transport	2019	Yearly	ACC
Reduction in CO2 emissions	Ongoing reductions in CO2 emissions in the City Centre	Local Authority	By at least 61% by 2026 and NZC by 2045	Carbon Footprint (2015/16 base year)	2020/2021 Financial Year	Yearly	ACC
Reduction in NO2 (ug/m3)	Ongoing reductions in NO2 emissions in the City Centre	City Centre	Reduce NO2 to <35ug/m3 annual mean in the City Centre by 2026.	ACC: Air Quality Report	2019	Yearly	ACC
Increased educational attainment, skills, and life-long learning			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6% absolute increase in the number of people (16-64) receiving job related training in the last 13 weeks by 2026 4% (52% ->56%) increase in working age population (16-64) with NVQ4+ Qualifications by 2026 3% (6.5% -> 3.5%) decrease in working age population (16-64) with no NVQ Qualifications by 2026 	<p>APS (NOMIS):</p> <p>APS (NOMIS):</p> <p>APS (NOMIS):</p>	<p>Jan 2021 to Dec 2021 Baseline Year</p> <p>Jan 2020 to Dec 2020 Baseline Year</p> <p>Jan 2020 to Dec 2020 Baseline Year</p>	<p>Quarterly</p> <p>Quarterly</p> <p>Quarterly</p>	ACC

	Improved Education outcomes	Local Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 1% decrease (3.2% ->2.2%) in the percentage of people aged 16-19 not participating in education, employment, or training To match or be under Scotland's density of skills gaps in each occupation groupings (High Skilled, Middle Skilled, Service and Labour Intensive) by 2026 	<p>Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation</p> <p>Scottish Employer Skills Survey</p>	<p>2021</p> <p>2020</p>	<p>Yearly</p> <p>Biannually</p>	
CITY CENTRE INTERVENTIONS							
Creation of new public realm space leading to increased satisfaction with the City Centre	Improved perception of City Centre from residents and visitors	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 62,559 m2 new public realm space Increased life satisfaction in Aberdeen - 1 point increase (7.21 ->8.21) in the level of "Life Satisfaction" in Aberdeen residents by 2026 Increased happiness in Aberdeen - 1 point increase (7.17-> 8.17) in the level of "Happy" in Aberdeen residents by 2026 Increased green space for city residents - 1 point (5.2 ->6.2) increase in the level Aberdeen Central Residents score for "Can you regularly experience good quality natural space? This includes a wide variety of environments from parks and 	<p>City Centre</p> <p>Local Authority</p> <p>Local Authority</p> <p>City Centre</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>2020/2021</p> <p>2020/2021</p> <p>Sept 2021</p>	<p>On completion of construction works</p> <p>Yearly</p> <p>Yearly</p> <p>Yearly</p>	ACC (HNSL for new public realm)

			<i>woodlands to green space alongside paths and streets"</i>				
Creation of Construction jobs over the build period (Public Realm & Market)	Increase in construction jobs	City Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60 - 120 new Construction Jobs – Public Realm 150 - 175 new Construction Jobs – Market 	HNSL TIER 1 Contractors	N/A	During construction period	HNSL
Creation of new jobs directly associated with the Market (catering, cleaning, management, and operations)	New jobs created in the City Centre	City Centre	250 new Market Jobs	Market Operator	2022	Yearly	ACC
Attracting regional and local businesses into the new Market	New businesses attracted to the City Centre	City Centre	20 – 40 new businesses	Directory of New Businesses	Feb 2021	Monthly	ACC
Reduction in city centre congestion	Bus journey times reduced, more buses on time etc	-	Buses generally on time 75% (64% -> 75%) of the time	Transport Scotland	2019	Yearly	ACC
Materials sourced from the local area	Greater use of locally sourced materials such as granite	-	30 - 50% of net Construction Costs to be local materials	HNSL TIER 1 Contractors	N/A	During Construction period	HNSL
Contractor's labour from the local area	Greater use of local labour pool	-	60% Local labour employed	HNSL TIER 1 Contractors	N/A	During Construction Period	HNSL
Beach							
Increased footfall and revenue at the Beach Ballroom and other Beach Leisure Facilities	Facilities are more popular, have greater footfall and generate more profits	-	100% Footfall and 100% revenue increases (Leisure and Ballroom only)	Current footfall and revenue for existing ACC facilities	2022	Yearly	ACC
Creation of free public realm and open park/play space, leading to increased satisfaction with the Beach area	Improved perception of Beach from residents and visitors	Local Authority	2,000 m2 Decrease in the average distance (m) for City Centre Residents to nearest Park, Garden or Playing Field.	ONS: Garden	2020	Yearly	ACC
Increased journeys by walking and cycling per annum	More active travel across all demographics		38% of people walking and 5% of people cycling as main mode of travel by 2026	Beach Esplanade Average Daily			ACC

		-		Pedestrian/Cycling Levels C19 Monitoring Form	Dec 2021	Monthly	
Reduction in car journeys at the Beachfront	Less cars in the Beach front area	-	20% (12,552 -> 10,042) reduction in all vehicle journeys at the beachfront	No roads around the Beach monitored in C19 form	2019	Yearly	ACC
Creation of Construction jobs over the build period	Increase in construction jobs	-	200 new Construction Jobs	HNSL TIER 1 Contractors	N/A	During Construction Period	HNSL
Creation of new jobs directly associated with new Leisure offering at the Beach	Increase in jobs in Aberdeen	-	30 new Leisure Jobs by 2025	Mott McDonald	2022	Yearly	ACC
Materials sourced from the local area	Greater use of locally sourced materials such as granite	-	20 to 30% of net Construction Costs to be local materials	HNSL TIER 1 Contractors	N/A	During Construction Period	HNSL
Contractor's labour from the local area	Greater use of local labour pool	-	50% Local labour employed	HNSL TIER 1 Contractors	N/A	During Construction Period	HNSL

APPENDIX 02

CITY CENTRE + BEACH FUTURE MASTERPLAN PROJECTS

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CITY CENTRE + BEACH FUTURE MASTERPLAN PROJECTS

The City Centre and Beach Masterplan sets out a vision for Aberdeen, including the delivery of several exciting short, medium and long term projects. The following projects have been identified following extensive public consultation in 2021 and throughout the last year and will contribute to the regeneration of the city centre and beach areas.

LIGHT OF THE NORTH

- EN02 Guild St
- EN03 Justice Mill/Langstane Place/Windmill Brae
- EN04 Rose/Thistle/Chapel St
- EN05 Union Street [DIGITAL]
- EN06 Upper Kirkgate/Schoolhill
- EN07 Bon Accord Square
- EN08 Castlegate
- EN09 Golden Square
- EN11 Aberdeen in Colour [DIGITAL]

CITY FOR PEOPLE

- City Centre Living [DIGITAL]
- CM01 Castlehill
- CM02 Queen St
- CM03 Torry Waterfront (South Bank) [DIGITAL]
- CM04 Regent Quay
- CM05 Woolmanhill
- CM06 Aberdeen Indoor Market
- CM07 Bon Accord Centre
- CM08 Independent Aberdeen [DIGITAL]
- CM09 St Nicholas Centre
- CM10 Trinity Centre
- CM11 Union St Cons. Area Improvement
- CM12 Union Square

ENERGY + MORE

- EC02 North Dee Business Quarter
- EC05 Aberdeen Creative Space
- EC06 Aberdeen 365 [DIGITAL]
- EC09 Mither Kirk Project
- EC11 Aberdeen Works
- EC12 Hotel Academy
- EC13 Retail Academy

THE CONNECTED CITY

- IN01 Walkable Aberdeen
- IN02 City Centre Parking
- IN03-05 City Centre Cycle Network
- IN06-07 City Centre Bus Network
- IN08 Aberdeen Station
- IN11-12 Resilient Utilities
- IN13 Underground Bin Storage

BEACHFRONT DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

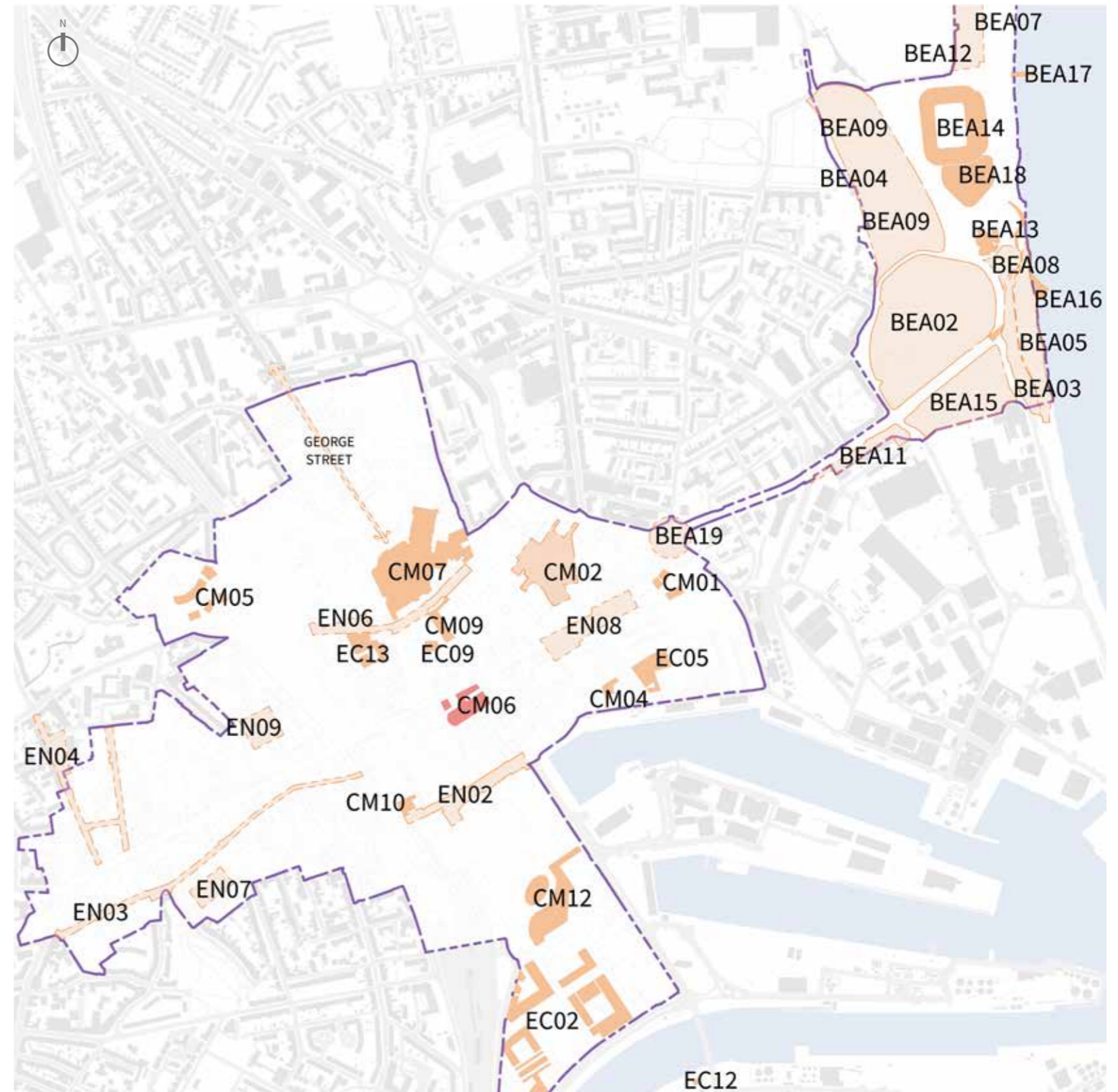
- BEA01 New Urban Park
- BEA02 Events Park
- BEA03 Landscape Mounding
- BEA04 Broad Hill (Public Realm + Landscaping)
- BEA05 Reconfigured Beach Landscaping
- BEA06 Beach Pavilion Building
- BEA07 New Canopy Features
- BEA08 Beach Ballroom Plaza
- BEA09 Broad Hill (Structures)
- BEA10 Pedestrian Spine
- BEA11 Beach Boulevard
- BEA12 Beach Village
- BEA13 Beach Ballroom
- BEA14 New Stadium
- BEA15 New Leisure Facility
- BEA16 Boardwalk
- BEA17 New Slipway
- BEA18 Energy Centre
- BEA19 Justice Street Roundabout

GEORGE STREET MINI MASTERPLAN

Projects will be identified and included in the recalibrated Masterplan following stakeholder consultation and as completion of the George Street Mini Masterplan exercise (Autumn 2022). The draft George Street Mini Masterplan will be reported to Full Council in December 2022.

-  CITY CENTRE + BEACH MASTERPLAN
-  FUTURE PROJECTS
-  FUTURE PROJECTS - OUTDOOR SPACE
-  UNDER CONSTRUCTION

KEY



FUTURE MASTERPLAN PROJECTS MAP DIAGRAM

Appendix 3 – Review of City Centre and Beach Masterplan 2022 against the Council’s Policy Agreement

Policy Agreement Objective (Summary of Commitment)	City Centre & Beach Masterplan 2022
Supporting People with the Cost of Living	
Review of policies to ensure the Council is doing all it can to tackle the cost of living challenges people face on a day to day basis	A high number of the projects being progressed by the City Centre & Beach Masterplan will provide high quality spaces and activities that are free to use for everyone. Key examples include the new urban park at the beach and creation of public spaces and event opportunities within the city centre.
A City of Opportunity	
Seek to make Aberdeen a UNICEF City Friendly City	A key part of the UNICEF Child Friendly City Place Badge is engagement with children and young people on new civic design projects and ensuring their views are taken into account in design development and decision making. As outlined in Section 7.0 of the City Centre & Beach Masterplan, a Children and Young People’s Engagement strategy is being developed and will build on the proactive engagement that has been undertaken with children and young people on these projects to date.
Maintain existing play parks and invest in new equipment and other measures that meet and develop personal and social needs of young people	The urban park project within the Beach area will provide a major new play area that will benefit children and young people across a range of different ages and interests. Opportunities for incidental play in the city centre streetscape projects will also encourage children and young people to use these public and civic spaces in child friendly ways.
A Vibrant City	
Revitalise our beachfront, including working with partners including Aberdeen FC with an aim to deliver new sports facilities and a new stadium	The City Centre & Beach Masterplan sets out a number of projects to revitalise the City’s beachfront, including a potential new stadium and leisure facility.
Expand the Beach Masterplan, extending the footprint from the River Dee to River Don	The City Centre & Beach Masterplan includes a recognition that the Beach area could in the future be extended north towards the River Don and south towards the River Dee.

Policy Agreement Objective (Summary of Commitment)	City Centre & Beach Masterplan 2022
Bring forward plans to improve travel links between the Castlegate and the Beach	Projects are underway to consider options to improve active travel connections on Beach Boulevard, including a review of the Justice Street roundabout. This is discussed in Section 6.2.13 of the City Centre & Beach Masterplan.
Create a new urban garden in Queen Street, with active travel routes linking in with the wider city centre and beachfront	As discussed in Section 6.2.9 of the City Centre & Beach Masterplan, a Strategic Business Case for Queen Street is currently underway.
Ensure safe pedestrianised areas by effectively engaging with the Disability Equity Partnership, public transport providers, businesses and others on the future of Central Union Street.	Section 7.0 of the City Centre & Beach Masterplan sets out a commitment to engaging with key stakeholders on projects as they are developed.
Oppose the creation of new city centre shared surfaces	No new city centre shared surfaces are proposed within the City Centre & Beach Masterplan.
Continue to move the City Centre and Beach Masterplans forward, expanding them to include George Street and ensure they remain current with annual reviews	The City Centre & Beach Masterplan brings together both the key city centre and beach projects to be reviewed on an annual basis. The Masterplan will also in the future include George Street once preparation of a Mini Masterplan for this area is completed.
Invest in Aberdeen Arts Centre, making the necessary repairs to ensure the future of this landmark building	As discussed in Section 6.2.9 of the City Centre & Beach Masterplan, a Strategic Business Case for Queen Street is currently underway and will include cognisance of proposals for Aberdeen Arts Centre.
Establish a task force to identify disused and derelict land and buildings and help bring them back to use, including investigating the purchase and conversion of upper floors along Union Street.	Section 6.2.12 of the City Centre & Beach Masterplan sets out the ongoing work being undertaken in relation to Union Street properties, including upper floors.
The Arts Matter	
Aim to make Aberdeen a premier destination for festivals, productions, conferences, bands and events.	A number projects within the City Centre & Beach Masterplan would help to achieve this objective – for example by providing high quality public realm locations for events and festivals, but also through the regeneration of the Beach Ballroom and the creation of a potential new stadium and leisure facility.
Building a Greener and Sustainable City	
Adopt an “environmental first” approach to all new Council building	Section 4.5 of the City Centre & Beach Masterplan sets the value of integrating

Policy Agreement Objective (Summary of Commitment)	City Centre & Beach Masterplan 2022
<p>projects, seeking to maximise of the energy efficiency of, and minimise the carbon footprint of, new buildings. Investigate the feasibility of generating energy by installing ground source heat pumps in Council owned open spaces.</p>	<p>sustainable development and environmental thinking / interventions to ensure a safe, attractive, productive and future-focused city centre and beachfront.</p>
<p>Recognise the threat of climate change already poses to our city by investing in flood and erosion prevention measures along the beach.</p>	<p>Beach projects set out in Section 6.2.14 of the City Centre & Beach Masterplan will include investigation of any appropriate prevention measures in relation to flooding and costal erosion.</p>
<p>Promote and improve woodland in our city and launch “A Million Trees for Aberdeen” to plant, with partners, a further one million trees in Aberdeen by 2032.</p> <p>Invest in Aberdeen’s green future by maintain and planting street trees and ensuring the right trees are planted in the right places.</p>	<p>Projects across both the City Centre and the Beach include significant new tree planting opportunities, and the Officers will work with partners such as Police Scotland to ensure that new planting is in appropriate locations.</p>
<p>Greener Transport, Safer Streets, Real Choices</p>	
<p>Work with partners to improve the city’s bus network, including options for Aberdeen Rapid Transit.</p> <p>Improving the provision of bus services across the city.</p>	<p>Section 5.0 of the City Centre & Beach Masterplan discusses how the City Centre and Beach projects sit in the context of wider active and sustainable travel commitments, including bus prioritisation and future corridors for rapid transit.</p>
<p>Reviewing our cycle and active transport network, and work with Aberdeen Cycle Forum to make Aberdeen a cycle friendly city.</p> <p>Improving cycle and active transport infrastructure by seeking to integrate safe, physically segregated cycle lanes in new road building projects and taking steps to ensure other proposals consider options to improve cycle and active transport infrastructure.</p>	<p>Promoting opportunities for active and sustainable travel is at the heart of a number of key City Centre and Beach projects. Examples include new active travel connections on Beach Boulevard and creation of new secure cycle storage areas in appropriate locations.</p>

Policy Agreement Objective (Summary of Commitment)	City Centre & Beach Masterplan 2022
Homes for the Future	
Ensure that those who live in privately rented homes for afforded the standards they deserve.	As discussed in Section 4.8 of the City Centre & Beach Masterplan, the city centre has the highest number of long-term empty residential properties in the city. The Masterplan includes an action plan to help increase City Centre Living opportunities.
An Active City	
Work with Aberdeen FC and AFC Community Trust to explore options for their stadium.	Section 6.2.14 of the City Centre & Beach Masterplan sets out a location for a new sport and leisure stadium.
Explore how new sporting facilities at the beach could best be available to young people.	The urban park project within the Beach area will provide a major new play area that will benefit children and young people across a range of different ages and interests.
A Prosperous City	
Work to develop Aberdeen's economy together with the private sector, third sector, residents and Government.	Section 4.0 of the City Centre & Beach Masterplan includes commentary on socio-economic context and current market trends in order to provide context for the various projects discussed. Relevant projects will be developed through Business Cases to consider their impact, and in partnership with others.
Empowering Aberdeen's Communities	
Empower communities across Aberdeen	The projects set out in the City Centre & Beach Masterplan have been informed by a wide ranging public engagement exercise undertaken in 2021 that asked individual and communities to decide their own priorities for action. The top priorities emerging from this exercise are set out in Section 3.1 the Masterplan report. A commitment to continued engagement as detailed designs for projects are prepared and implemented in also set out in Section 7.0.
Caring for Each Other	
Work with partners to address the growing diversity of physical and mental health issues that are experienced by people in our city.	Improved health and wellbeing is a key focus of the City Centre and Beach Masterplan. Key examples include new and improved sporting and leisure facilities at the beach, as well as active travel improvements and opportunities for creating better spaces to rest, recharge and relax. This is discussed further in Section 4.6 of the Masterplan.

Policy Agreement Objective (Summary of Commitment)	City Centre & Beach Masterplan 2022
A Safer Aberdeen	
<p>We will continue to do all we can to protect individuals and communities from harm caused by crime and antisocial behaviour.</p> <p>Promote and develop city centre community safety through sustained partnership working.</p>	<p>Delivery of the City Centre & Beach Masterplan includes a commitment to work with partners, including Police Scotland, to ensure that the priority projects design out opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour. Delivery and monitoring of projects would also be undertaken in partnership with other relevant public and third sector organisations.</p>
A Transparent, Accessible and Accountable Council	
<p>To make Aberdeen City Council more transparent, accessible and accountable.</p> <p>Recognise that citizens and communities are best places to say what services they require and how these are provided.</p> <p>Consult citizens, community councils and other partners on the work of the City Council.</p>	<p>The priority City Centre and Beach projects set out in the Masterplan have been informed by a wide-ranging public engagement exercise undertaken in 2021 that asked individual and communities to decide their own priorities for action. The top priorities emerging from this exercise are set out in Section 3.1 of the Masterplan report. A commitment to continued engagement as detailed designs for projects are prepared and implemented in also set out in Section 7.0.</p>

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Appendix 4 - Phase 1 & 2 Design Development Market Streetscape

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Introduction

1.1 Summary and context

Project Description

The Market Streetscape forms part of the City Centre Masterplan projects. A key objective of this project is to improve connectivity between Union Street and the Bus and Train Stations for those who are walking, using a wheelchair or mobility scooter or on a bike.

The complementary city centre traffic changes will reduce vehicle traffic and bring the city a step closer to its net zero commitments, as well as enhance the overall vibrancy and attractiveness of the area.

The designs tie in with the new Aberdeen Market building proposals, and together seek to create a prominent destination within the city, drawing people from Union Street into the Merchant quarter, improving commercial success and creating a vibrant atmosphere around The Green.

The site presents a significant connectivity, wayfinding and accessibility opportunity for the city, directly linking Union Street to the new Market development, The Merchant Quarter and Aberdeen's rail and bus stations. The chosen streetscape interventions address the need for improved wayfinding and ensure an 'access for all' outlook. The work will improve connectivity between Union Street Central and the Merchant Quarter, as well as enhancing the overall vibrancy and attractiveness of the area.

The Green and its neighbouring street network are among the oldest known parts of the city. This can be appreciated from the architecture, street typologies and character of the spaces. The interventions seek to respect this, celebrating the area's role in the shaping of Aberdeen City Centre.

The proposals seek to build upon the existing rich character of the Merchant Quarter area to improve connectivity, wayfinding and accessibility for the city, with interventions strategically planned to enhance the historic and cultural environment.

Overall, the design works with the existing conditions and enhances the quarter through specific areas of resurfacing to improve accessibility, lighting and signage to aid intuitive navigation through the city and improved street elements such as benches, cycle parking and greening.

The project scope area is split into three phases, outlined in this report, regenerating the Merchant Quarter into a safe, vibrant and exciting area of Aberdeen City Centre. This report is concerned with proposals for phase 1 and 2 only. Phase 3 will be explored further at a later date.

Following full council committee in February 2022, the project boundary was increased to also include St Nicholas Street. The proposals for this area consider it as a key space within the city centre, off the main thoroughfare of Union Street, a place to dwell and gather. A new destination plaza is created with ample seating, events space and greening.

In February 2022, Council noted the design concept masterplan for public realm improvements for the Market Street to Guild Street area (as detailed in Appendix D of the Committee paper) and agreed:

- to remove reference to "Plaza" on Market Street
- to include in phase two the area at St Nicholas Street between Union Street and St Nicholas Centre
- to include Correction Wynd and Hadden Street in phase two
- that detailed design should be developed for phase one and two implementation of those improvements in consultation with key stakeholders and report results to Full Council in August 2022
- to progress with the necessary traffic regulation orders to implement in the context of the phase one and two delivery and the wider traffic management plan
- to identify opportunities to improve the amenity of the wider Market to Guild Street area in conjunction with the anticipated phase one and two delivery
- to develop a Full Business Case for Union Street East and Castlegate by end 2022 and ensure that business case is developed in tandem with the emerging business case for the Beach Boulevard.

The Appendix D committee paper presented at February Council can be viewed here; <https://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/documents/s129270/APPENDIX%20D%20Public%20Realm%20Aberdeen%20Market%20to%20Guild%20St.pdf>

This document sets out the design proposals for market streetscape, encompassing the extended boundary instructed in February.

Caveats

Whilst detailed designs for Phase 1 and 2 of Market Streetscape are being progressed, there are a number of key considerations to be finalised, including but not limited to:

- Junctions design (liaison with SYSTRA/ACC)
- Location and requirement for accessible parking spaces, general parking and electric parking (liaison with SYSTRA/ACC)
- Entrance to Aberdeen Market from Market Street (liaison with Haliday Fraser Munro/ACC)
- Final spatial configuration of St Nicholas Street and other areas
- Final traffic movement and bus stop locations (liaison with SYSTRA/ACC)
- Technical surveys (yet to be undertaken)
- Material strategy for feature areas

There are also a number of elements that require further engagement with our ACC Client and relevant stakeholders in order to achieve a finalised design proposals. These elements will be further developed in the next phase of the design (RIBA Stage 4), as part of the wider Engagement Strategy.

Further Engagement

List of items that require further and more focused

engagement – to be further investigated at RIBA Stage 4:

- **Accessibility:** to be discussed further with focused stakeholder groups such as Guide Dogs Scotland, NESS, DEP
- **Art Strategy** (liaison with ACC Cultural Team, potential for involvement local artists)
- **Events Strategy** (liaison with ACC Events Team)
- **Informal play** (development of a bespoke play strategy in line with UNICEF Child Friendly Cities Initiative)
- **Street Furniture** (proposals to be discussed with ACC)
- **Lighting strategy** (liaison with ACC City Events Team and other relevant departments within ACC)
- **Finalised Material strategy** (majority of materials currently tying in to existing materials around the Merchant Quarter, feature paving in key areas to be discussed with relevant departments within ACC.)
- **Soft landscape** (proposals to be discussed with relevant departments within ACC)

1.2 Engagement and consultation

A number of engagement activities have been undertaken on the market streetscape project with stakeholders and the general public. This included both 1-2-1 sessions with groups such as Disability Equity Partnership, Aberdeen Inspired, ACTUP and the City Centre Community Council, and via a two day long drop in session for the general public. The public consultation event was publicised via a letter maildrop to all properties within the area and associated social media announcements. The material was also available to view online. The consultation invited comments from residents, businesses and any other interested party for a two week period (8th-25th July)

Youth engagement has also been undertaken as part of the 'Summer in the City' events in order to better understand teenagers views on this area.

Engagement material presented included information on;

- Key aims and ambitions
- Consented Aberdeen Market (for context only)
- Traffic changes (for context only)
- Project phasing
- Landscape masterplan
- Precedents and 'look and feel' imagery
- Before and after visualisations

For detailed information on engagement, please refer to Appendix 5 - City Centre Masterplan Engagement Report

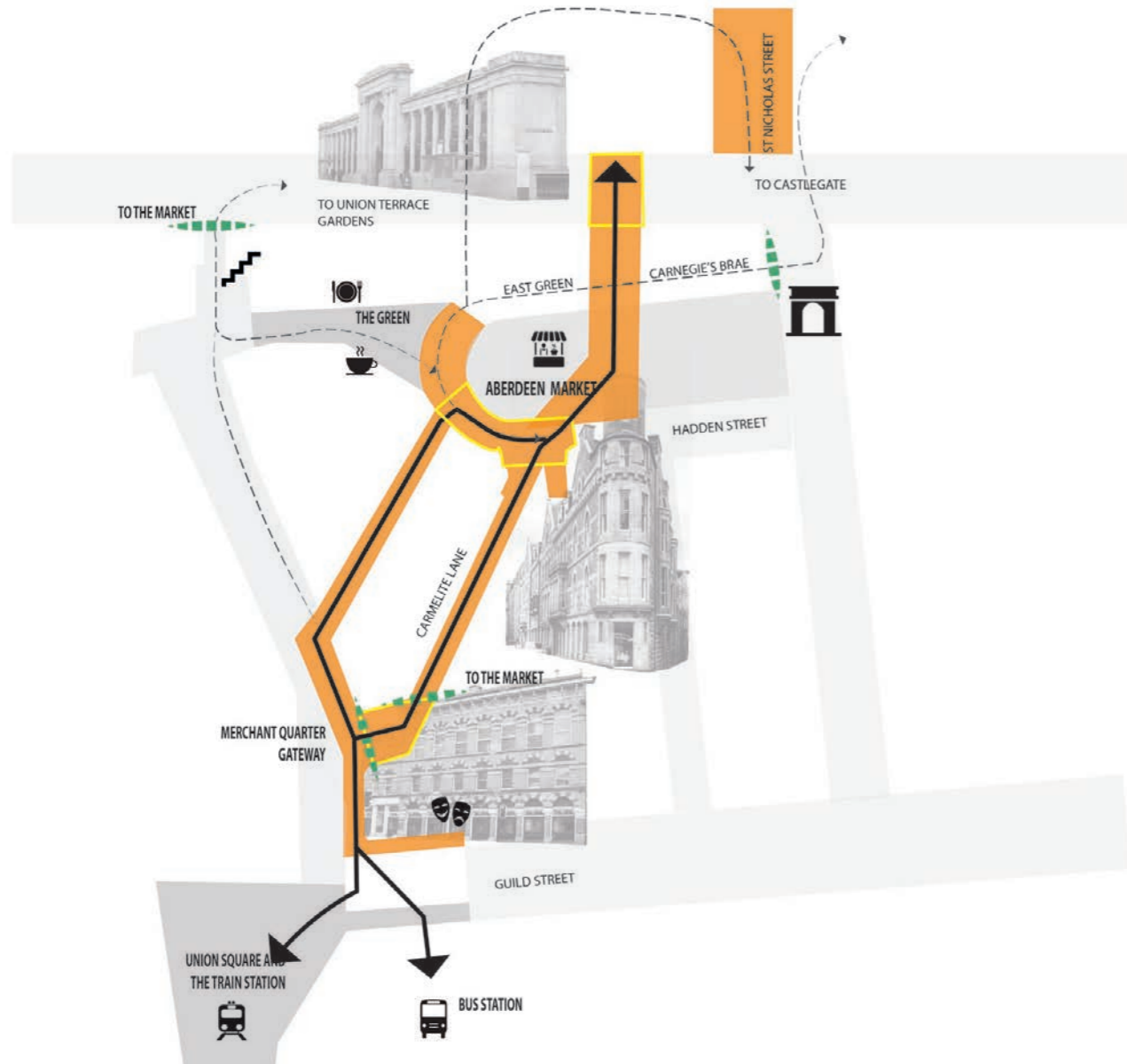


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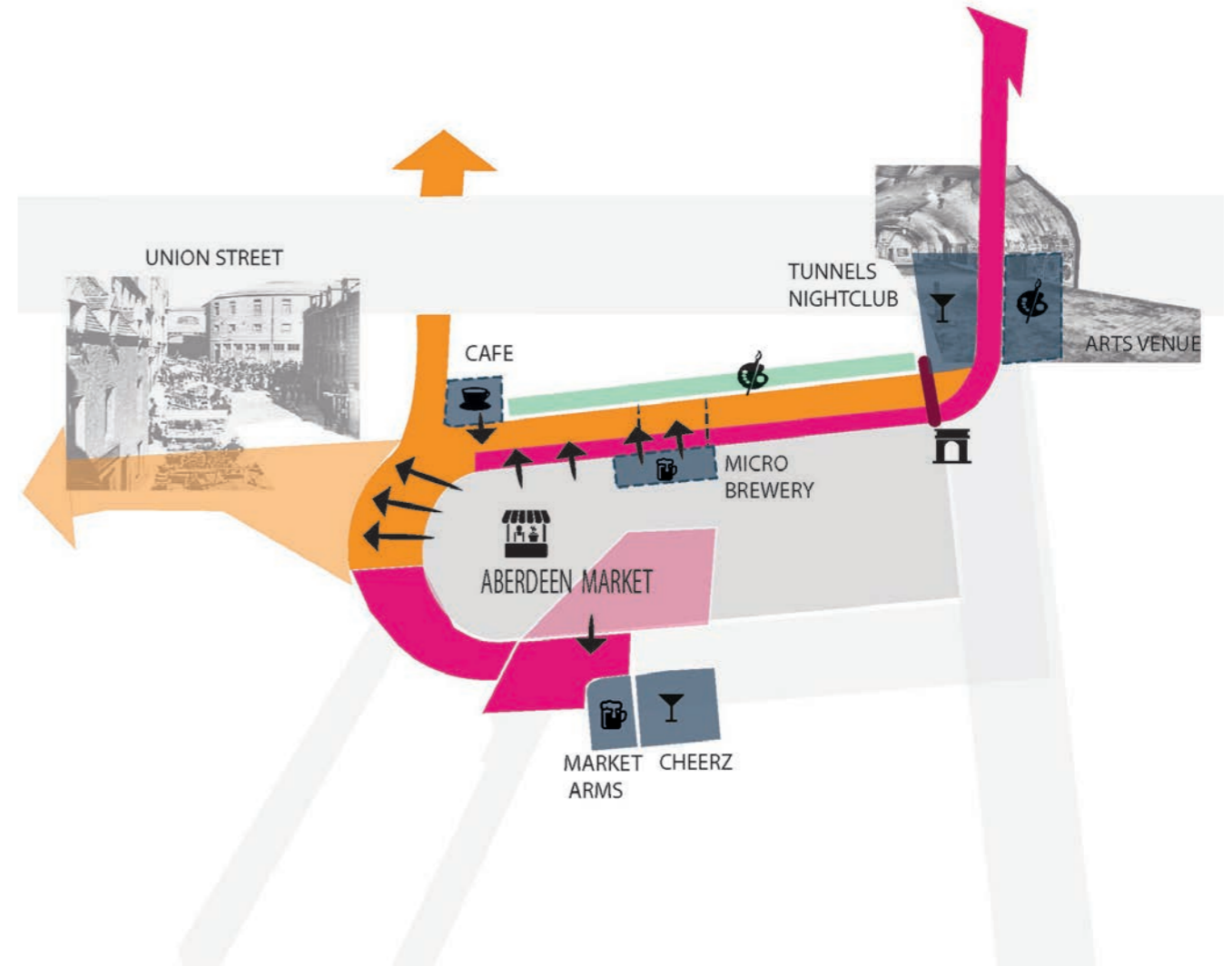
Concept Development

2.1 Concept development

Connectivity



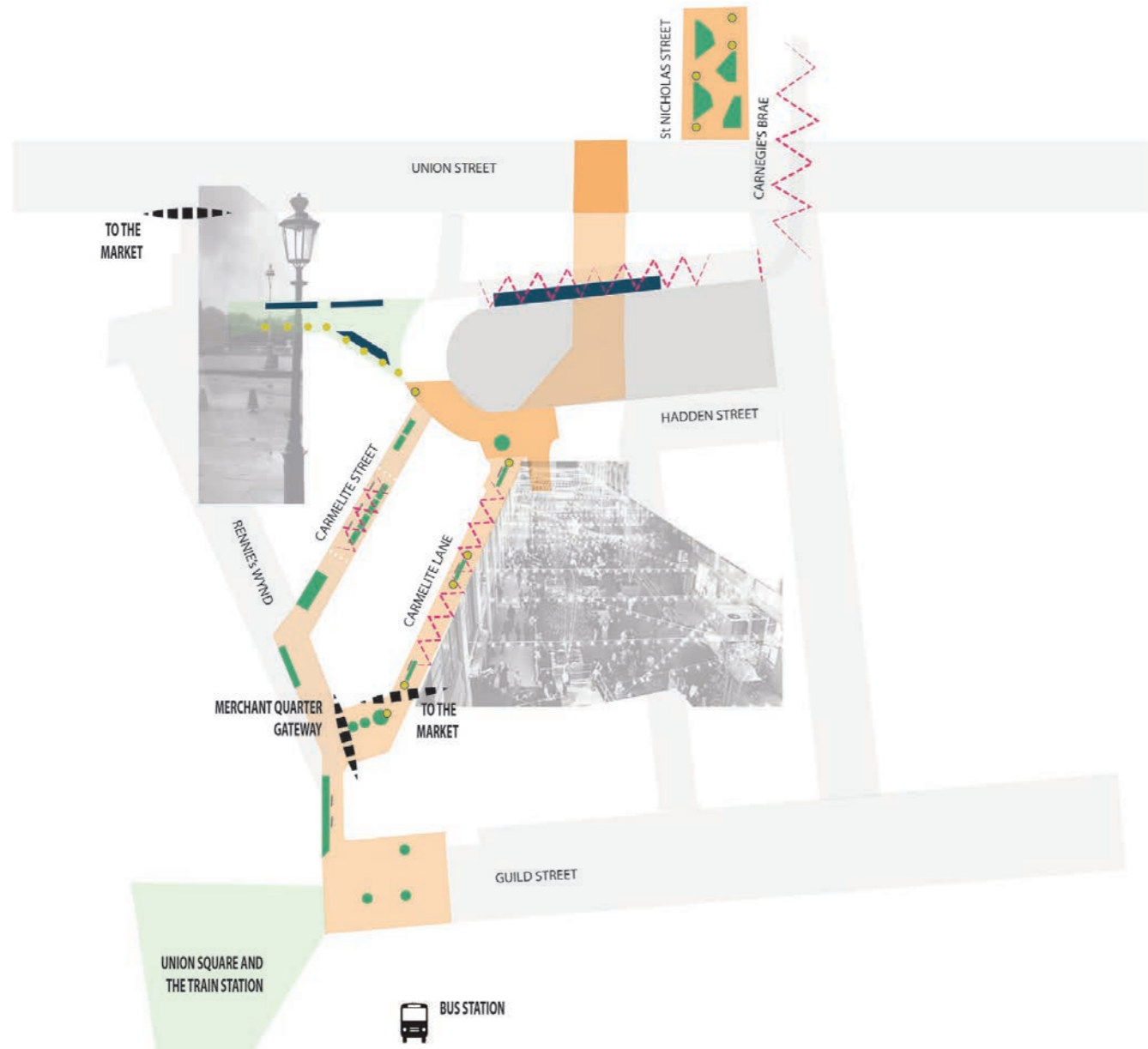
East Green - Celebrate



A fundamental objective of the market streetscape project is to improve connectivity between the train and bus stations, the new market building and Union Street. This will be achieved through the resurfacing of strategic areas to create smooth routes for walking and wheeling, widening pavements and creating raised table crossings where appropriate, particularly at Guild Street. It will also involve the addition of new wayfinding signage which allow visitors and residents to navigate the area more intuitively. A new welcome plaza/crossing at the green will create a sense of arrival when entering the Merchant Quarter. Finally, the promotion of Correction Wynd as the gentlest slope up to Union Street for cyclists and pedestrians creates a connection to St Nicholas Street, the re-imagining of which forms part of the market streetscape project.

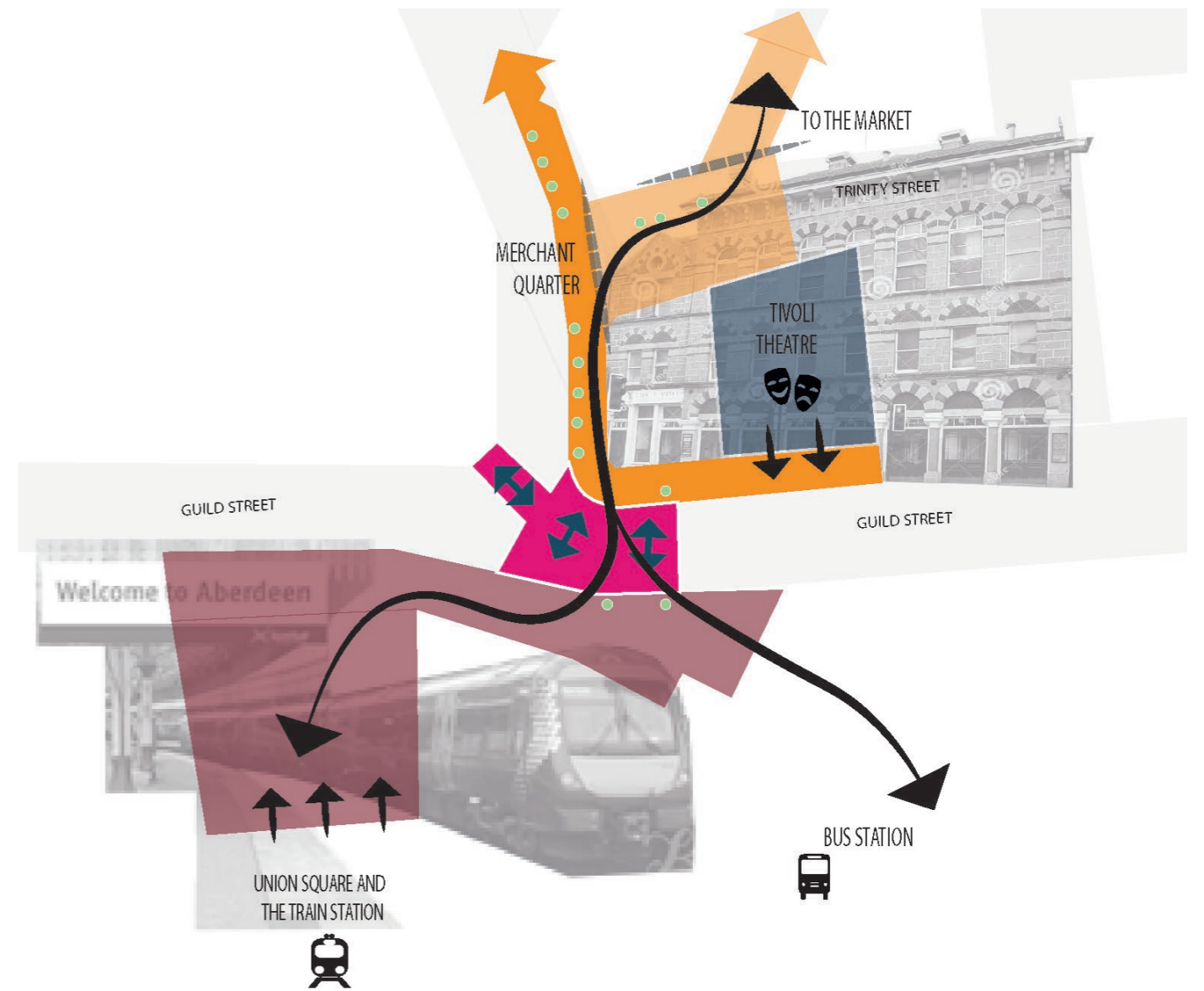
The new market development has the potential to activate the frontage along East Green by creating opportunity for new businesses. The project aims to draw upon this opportunity to improve the vibrancy along this section through upgrade to the existing pavement on the south side, providing a smooth surface for spillover seating. The introduction of overhead lighting will help to create a welcoming space. The increase in pedestrian activity in this area of the Merchant Quarter will lead to Carnegie's Brae being more overlooked, ensuring that pedestrians feel safer. Immersive lighting and new art initiatives will help to retain the character of the area, tying in with the NuArt murals present within the Green.

Appreciation and activation



Being one of the oldest areas of Aberdeen, there is a rich historic character within the Merchant Quarter. The streetscape proposals seek to retain and enhance this, appreciating the heritage. This will be achieved through retaining and adding to historic street lighting around the Green, ensuring that materials and furniture tie in with the existing features. Street greening will frame with streets while lighting highlights key architectural moments, such as the arches above Carnegie's Brae is also important. As a more contemporary plaza, the proposals for St Nicholas seek to create a key public space for people to dwell in, off the main thorough-fair of Union Street.

To and fro' the stations

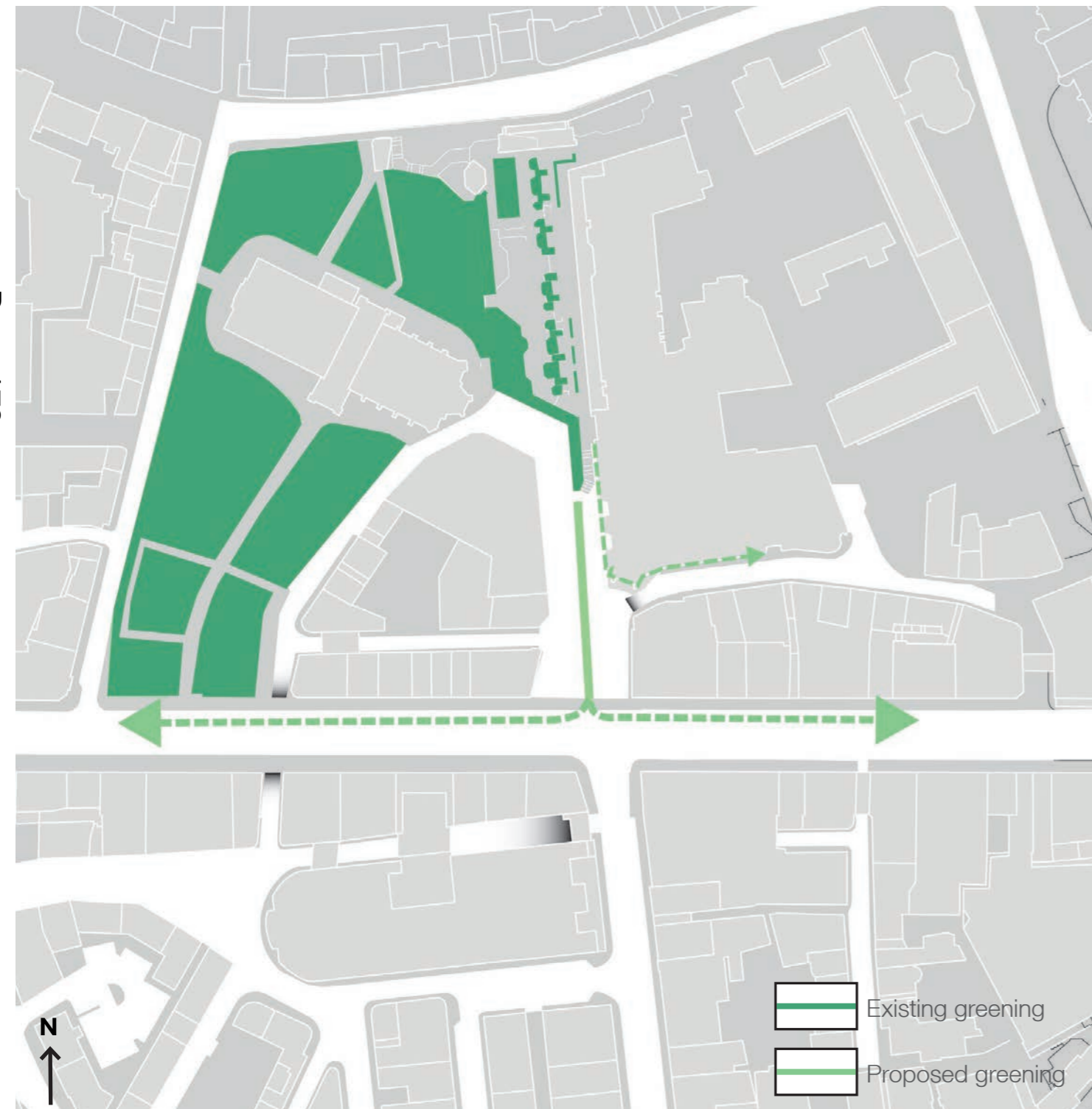


Currently, the crossing from Guild Street to the train and bus stations is traffic dominated and convoluted for pedestrians. The proposals seek to improve the pedestrian priority in this area through local reduction in carriageway width to reduce crossing distance and to create raised table crossing with new smooth surface. Street greening and furniture creates a more pleasant environment and provides rest areas for those who need it. An iconic wayfinding feature will also be implemented which signifies arrival into the city. On Wapping Street, significantly widened pavements remove existing pinch point and provides the opportunity for rain gardens which help create a barrier between pedestrians and vehicles while also improving the environment and aiding biodiversity gain.

2.2 St Nicholas Street

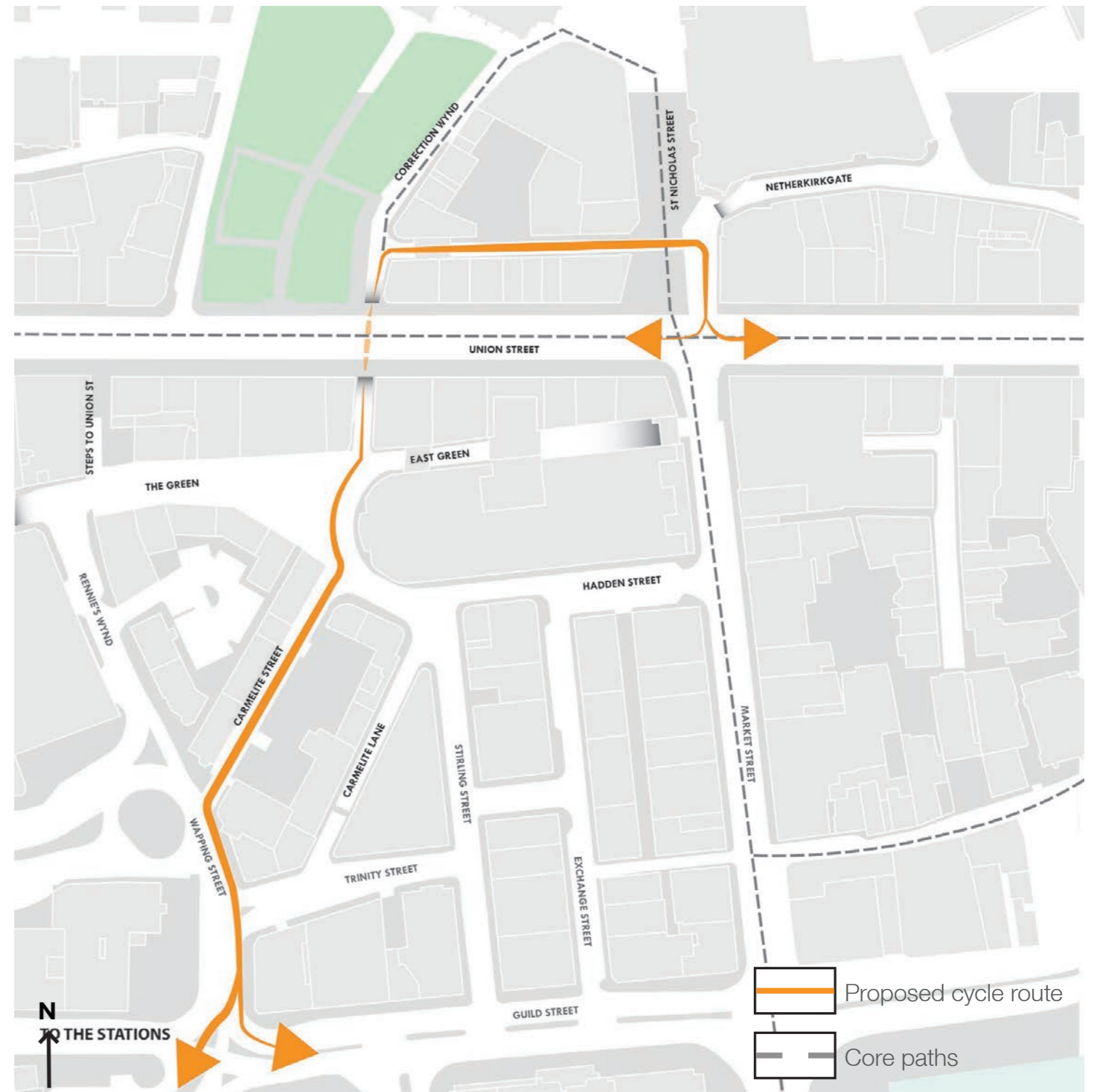
Green loop

St Nicholas Kirkyard is a significant area of greenspace in the city centre. This alongside the garden atop the Bon Accord creates the opportunity for St Nicholas Street to continue the greening to Union Street Central where a tree planting avenue is proposed. Greening may be introduced horizontally (Planters) and vertically (green wall, mural, trees) to increase depth and immersive nature within St Nicholas Street



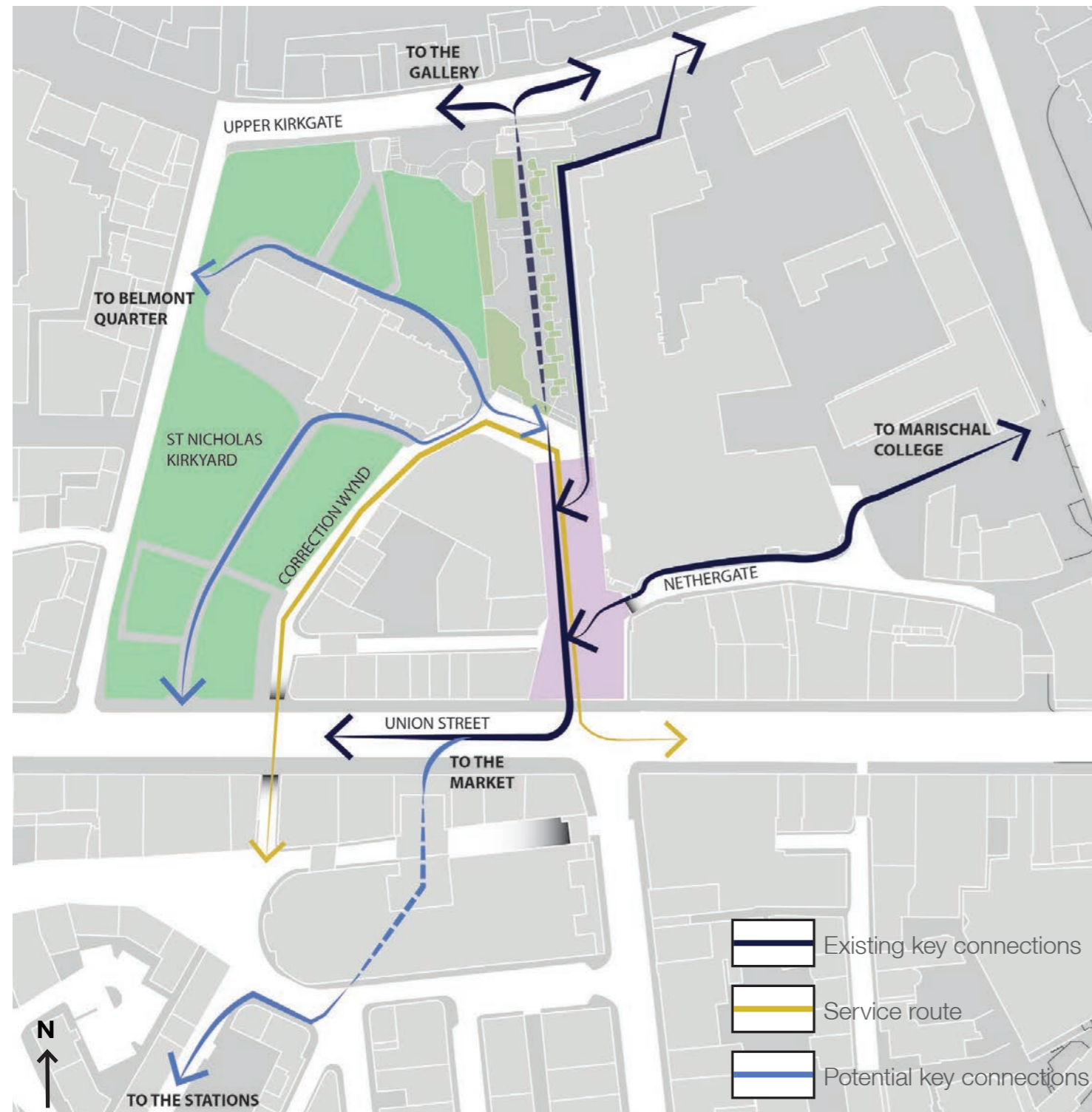
A route for cycling

Correction Wynd and St Nicholas Lane provide the opportunity to promote a cycle route to/from the Merchant Quarter to St Nicholas Street/Union Street. Correction Wynd provides one of the gentlest slopes up to Union Street level. This can then connect to a wider cycling connection down to the bus and train stations via Carmelite Street and Wapping Street. Simple improvements to the paving surface would encourage cyclists to use the route.

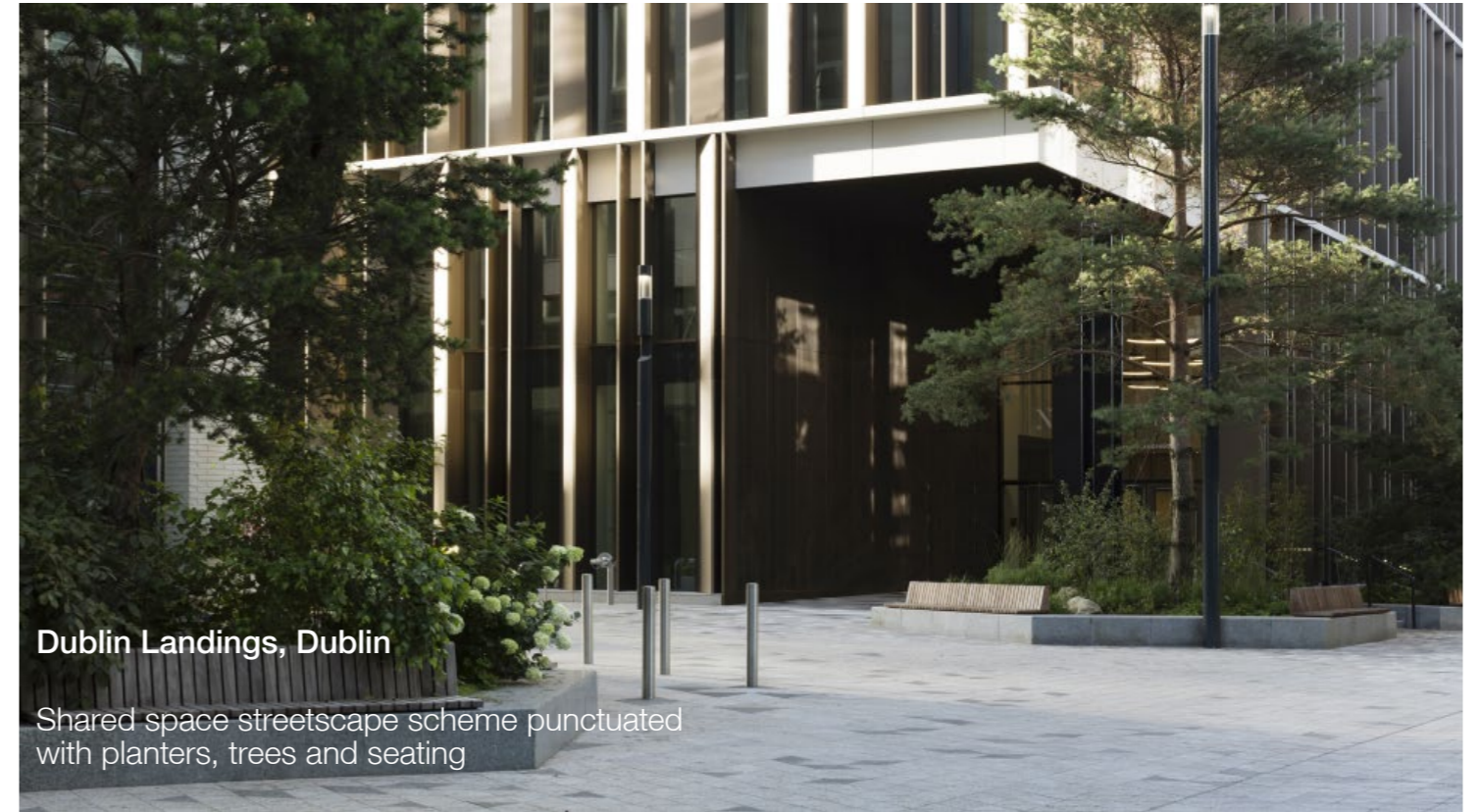


A pivotal moment

St Nicholas Street is currently used as a key movement link within the city centre, however there is little signage to promote the various routes which stem from it. By improving interpretation and wayfinding, whilst creating a pleasant environment to for pedestrians to spend time in, a pivotal moment is created within the city centre. This would be further enhanced by opening the Bon Accord as a covered street, allowing 24/7 access to Schoolhill.



Precedents



Dublin Landings, Dublin

Shared space streetscape scheme punctuated with planters, trees and seating



Eddington, Cambridge

Small market plaza in North West Cambridge

2.3 Project Phasing

The scope area is split into three key projects which can be undertaken within different time-scales, regenerating the Merchant Quarter into a safe, vibrant and exciting area of Aberdeen City Centre.

The key project is creating the connection between Union Street, the market and down to the station via Carmelite Street. This is where we propose to improve the through-route from the market across Hadden Street, down Carmelite Street onto Wapping Street, Guild Street and into the train/bus station. This initial phase will also see accessible parking provision improved on Hadden Street for ease of access to the Market.

The second phase is concerned with the regeneration of Carmelite Lane, East Green, Carnegie's Brae, Netherkirkgate, St Nicholas Street, St Nicholas Lane and Hadden Street, following instruction at the February 2022 full council committee.

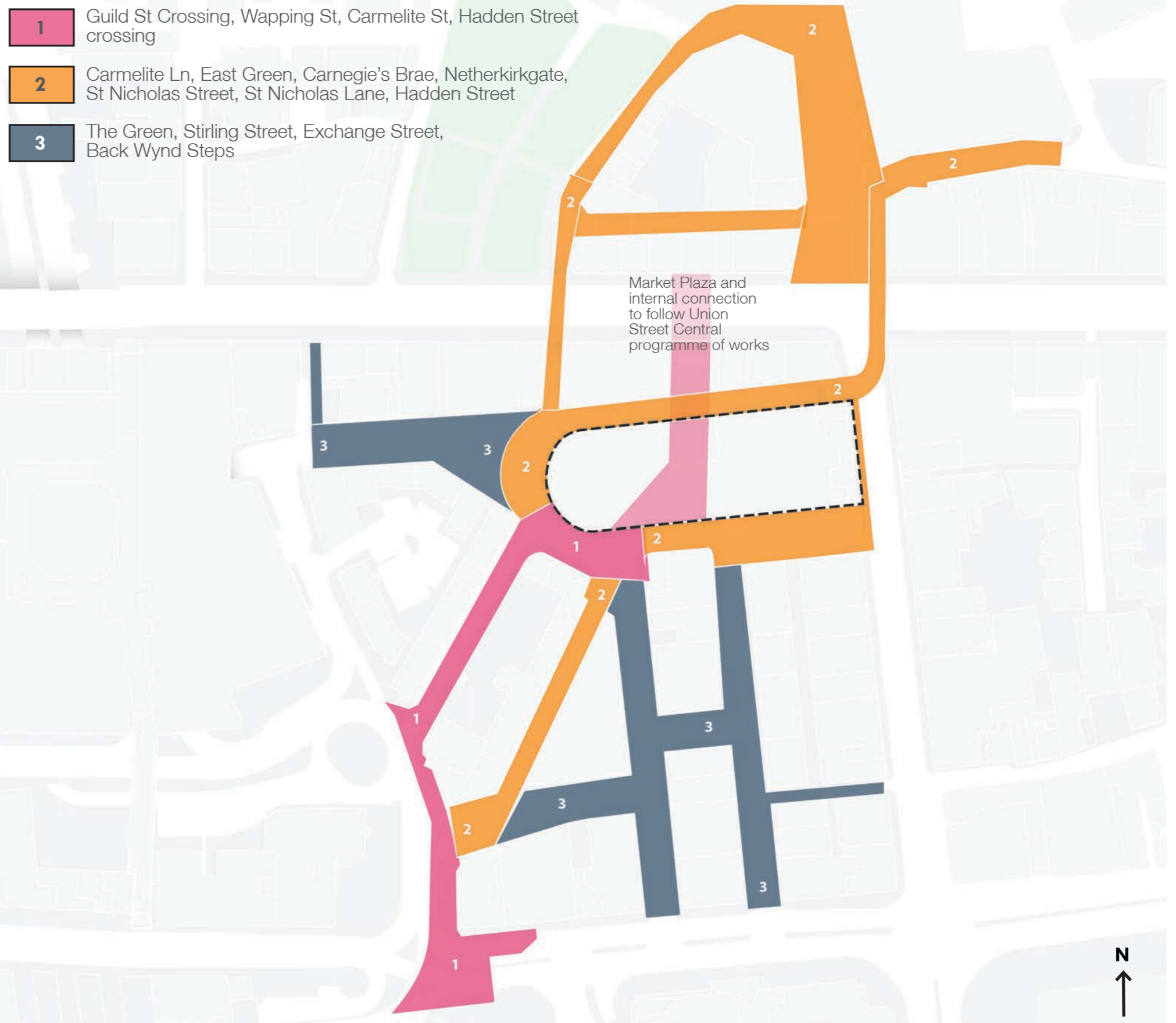
Carmelite Lane involves implementing street greening and enhanced lighting. Carnegie's Brae at present is a particularly uninviting and potentially dangerous route. There is an urgent need to improve the route, we propose to do this by creating a new smooth surface which is more pleasant underfoot, cleaning and lighting the historic arches and through the introduction of an immersive light/art installation which creates an exciting experience.

At East Green, the project is focused on the restoration of historic setts, improvement of accessibility and the activation of the street with spill-out seating and lighting to complement the Market's ground floor uses.

The redevelopment of St Nicholas Street aims to create a key space off the main thorough-fair of Union Street where people can dwell and spend time. Ample seating, greening and space for events create a pivotal moment within the city centre.

Phase 3 consists of The Green and the Back Wynd Steps, making good of existing paving and rationalising spillout seating and eateries. It also includes enhancements to Stirling Street and Exchange Street in the form of making good existing paving.

Currently, as per council instruction, we are progressing designs for phase 1 and 2, phase 3 will follow at a later date.



Precedent images showing how each area of Market Streetscape could look.

**Phase 1
Carmelite Street**



Guild Street crossing

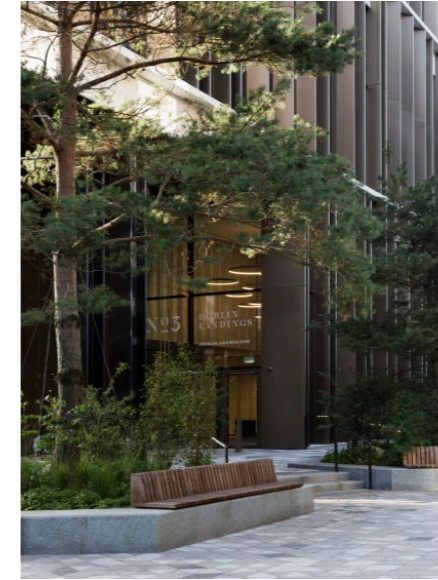


Wapping Street

**Phase 2
East Green**



St Nicholas St



Carnegie's Brae



St Nicholas Lane



Trinity St



Carmelite Lane

Indicative project phasing

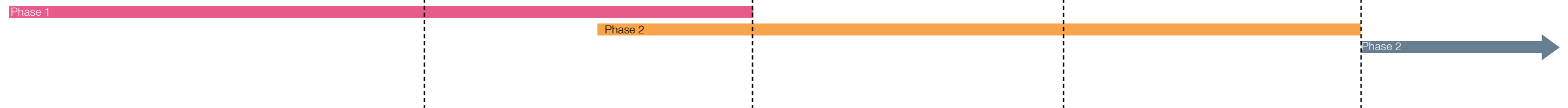
Implementation commencement

+6months

+1 year

+2 years

+5 years



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Streetscape Interventions

3.1 Phase 1 & 2 Landscape Masterplan



INSERT A: Carnegie's Brae 1:500

Subterranean level below Union Street Central and St Nicholas Street, connecting East Green and Netherkirkgate.

 Phase 1 & 2 boundary

Extent of works/ red-line boundary to be confirmed and assessed to ensure it conforms with employers requirements

1 The Green

- Existing natural stone setts retained, restored and made good where required
- New natural stone paving to market building edge tying with internal floorscape
- New natural stone raised table plaza creating a sense of arrival into the Merchant Quarter from the Market
- Addition of cycle stands and feature tree at head of Carmelite Lane and Street
- New accessible parking bays adjacent to the market

2 Carmelite Street

- Existing paving and planting retained
- Creation of a pedestrian priority street, potentially removing through access to vehicles, retaining access to private car park
- Benches added to provide refuge within the central streetscape
- Catenary lighting spanning from building to building
- Enhanced greening and existing planting replaced where needed

3 Wapping Street

- A lane of traffic given over to pavement widening, promoting safe active travel on the eastern edge
- Street greening introduced through street trees and robust, low-maintenance rain garden planting
- Opportunity to dwell and rest with the introduction of street side furniture

4 Guild Street Crossing

- Pedestrian priority crossing point, widened pavement creating a plaza like space as a welcome mat to the city
- Street greening introduced through street trees
- A widened pavement giving the theatre a street presence
- Opportunity to dwell with the introduction of street size furniture
- Intuitive wayfinding interventions including totems and art trail strategy

5 Trinity Street

- Vehicular junction with Wapping Street re-configured to prioritise pedestrian movement, social opportunity, retail engagement and street greening
- Trees introduced into existing tree pits and new future tree implemented at foot of Carmelite Lane
- Signage introduced to capture station foot traffic and intuitive wayfinding
- Street furniture enhanced to provide seating, bins and cycle stands

6 East Green

- Existing natural stone setts retained, restored and made good where required
- A new natural stone edge to the Market tying with Carnegie's Brae materials whilst also being better suited to outdoor seating opportunities
- Lighting through the use of catenary lights and appreciating the listed arch structure above on Market Street, bringing the space to life

7 Carnegie's Brae and Netherkirkgate

- New natural stone paving throughout tying to the Merchant Quarter material palette
- Existing sandstone arches and associated architecture, cleaned to reveal its original character
- Lighting and art installations bringing the space to life. Alongside flexibility to host cultural events
- Outdoor seating opportunities to Netherkirkgate considered and integrated

8 Correction Wynd

- New natural stone paving to carriageway to provide smooth surface for walking, wheeling and cycling
- Retention of existing lighting on the underside of the tunnel
- Introduction of wayfinding feature at corner of St Nicholas Lane
- Enhancing of existing historic lighting fittings

9 Hadden Street and Market Street

- Materiality continuity with the internal Market floor and connection at upper level to Union Street
- New natural stone edge to the market, continuing round onto the west pavement on Market Street, recognising the arrival at the Market building and giving it a street presence
- Street greening introduced through street trees
- Taxi rank provision retained as existing
- Cycle stands, bins and seating introduced along north pavement

10 Carmelite Lane

- Existing natural stone setts retained and made good in areas of poorer condition
- Street greening incorporated through low level, robust, low maintenance planting
- 8 retained car parking spaces, open to one way traffic
- A continued street furniture and lantern lighting language as per those in The Green

11 St Nicholas Street

- Upgraded plaza with planting, street furniture and trees
- New natural stone surface to improve accessibility and enhance pedestrian priority of space, retaining service access
- Integration of murals or art within plaza
- Improved wayfinding and signage

12 St Nicholas Lane

- Strip of carriageway repaved in smooth surface to encourage use by cyclists travelling from Merchant Quarter to Union Street
- No other proposed streetscape works other than making good of natural stone surface where required

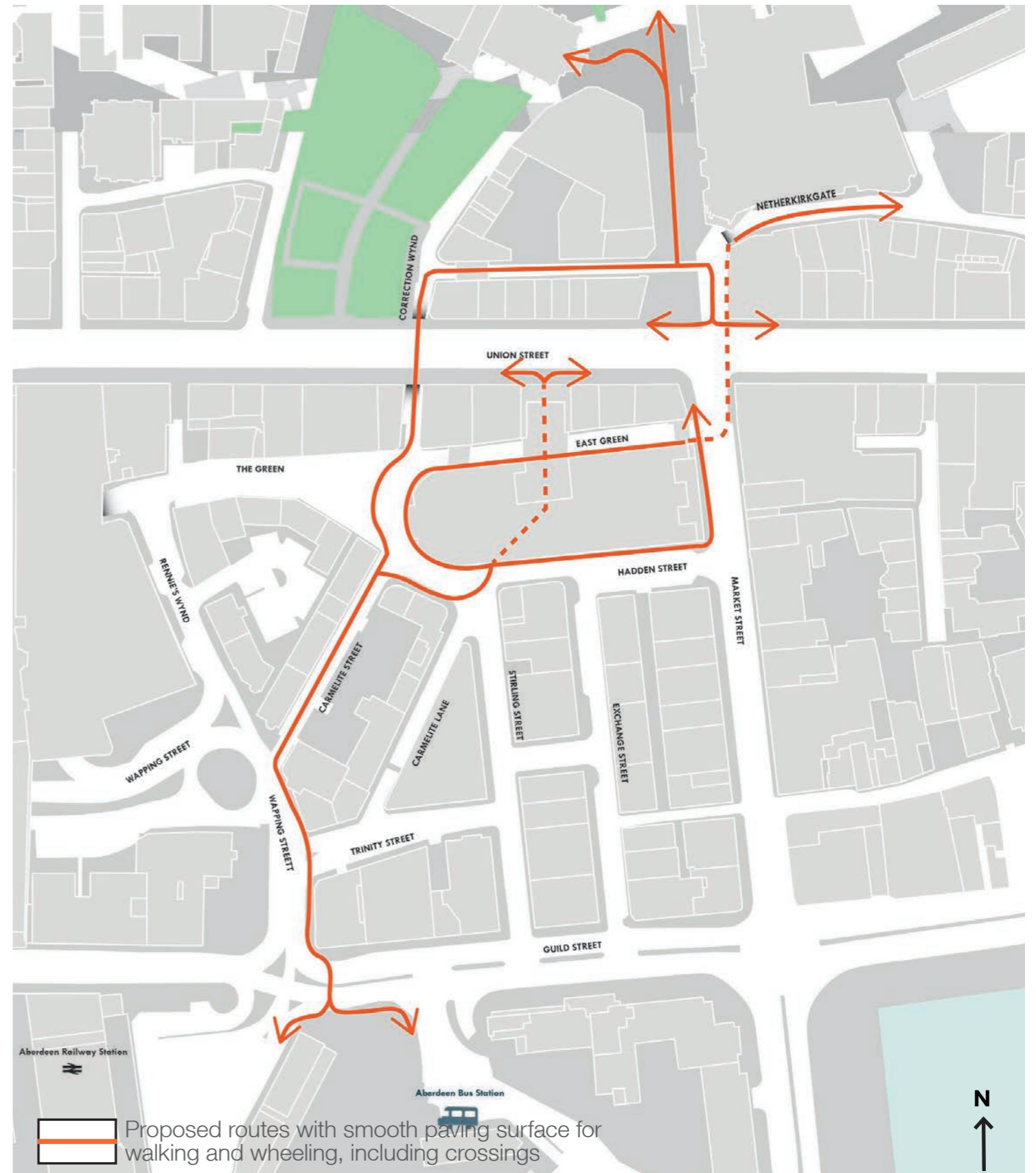
3.2 Accessibility

Key areas are resurfaced to improve walking and wheeling accessibility between Union Street and the train and bus stations. A light touch approach is taken through linking up areas where the paving is already smooth and in good condition, such as Wapping Street and Carmelite Street. New raised table crossings at The Green, Trinity Street and Guild Street ensure that it is easy to cross the historic setted streets at junctions. The diagram on the next page shows routes between the train and bus station, the new market building and Union Street which will be smooth for their entirety, including at junctions.

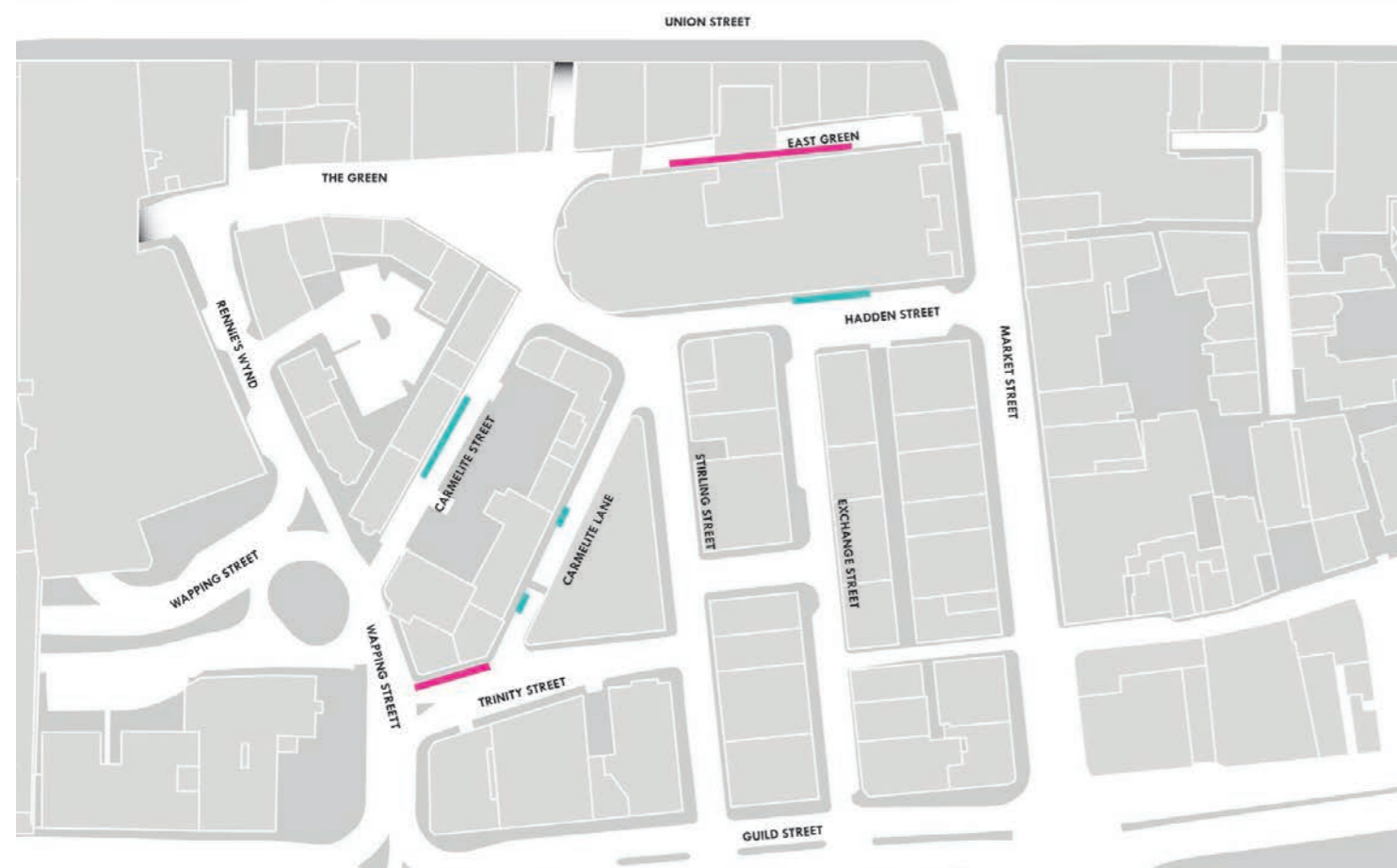
Benches and seat walls are proposed on Carmelite Lane, Carmelite Street and Hadden Street to ensure there are opportunities to rest on key routes between Union Street and the stations. There is a significant amount of seating currently on St Nicholas Street which is well used, this is considered in the new proposals, ensuring there is plenty seating for those who dwell in St Nicholas Street.

A minimum of 3 new accessible parking spaces will be created directly adjacent to the new market building to improve accessibility to the area for those with a blue badge. The existing accessible spaces on Rennie's Wynd and Correction Wynd will be retained as they currently are. The existing taxi rank on Hadden Street will also be retained.

Surfacing



Rest



Parking



3.3 Materials and lighting

Due to the historic character of the Merchant Quarter, proposed materials should generally match the existing materials. In this area, the paving is predominantly comprised of mixed colours of granite in both the carriageway setts and slabbed pavements. Any new paving will tie into this, however utilising a flat top sett on the carriageway to create a more even surface than the existing baguette shaped setts. Feature paving may be proposed where appropriate, such as in Carnegie's Brae and St Nicholas Street.

Lighting interventions form a key element of the concepts, highlighting architectural moments and providing a more safe and welcoming environment for pedestrians.

A palette of street furniture will be specified across all the streetscape projects, ensuring continuity within the city centre and providing fundamental amenities for visitors and residents, such as seating, cycle stands and bins. Elements such as cycle toolstations and water drinking fountains take the facilitation of amenities one step further, ensuring an elevated experience for people.

Plants will be proposed to ensure that new planting is appropriate, low maintenance and provides biodiversity and seasonal value throughout the streets.

All materials, furniture and planting species shown are indicative to provide the general look and feel of the proposals. Paving materials and products are subject to change following further discussion with ACC and other relevant bodies.

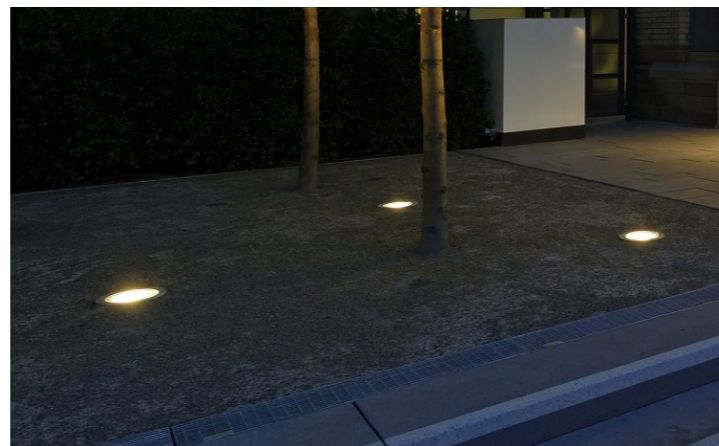
Widened pavements



Smooth surfaces at crossings



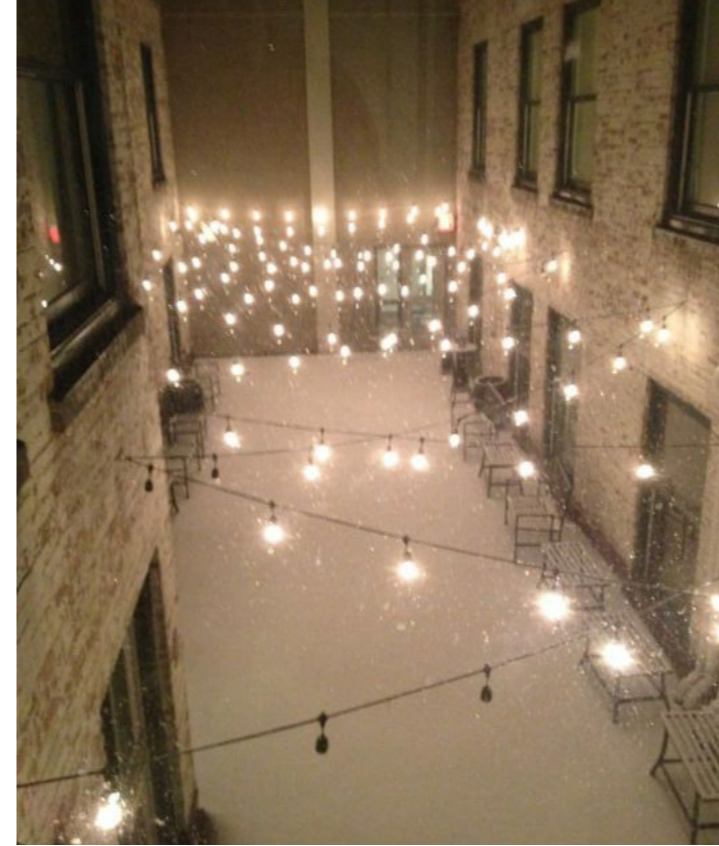
In ground lighting



Reused setts where appropriate and possible



Catenary lighting



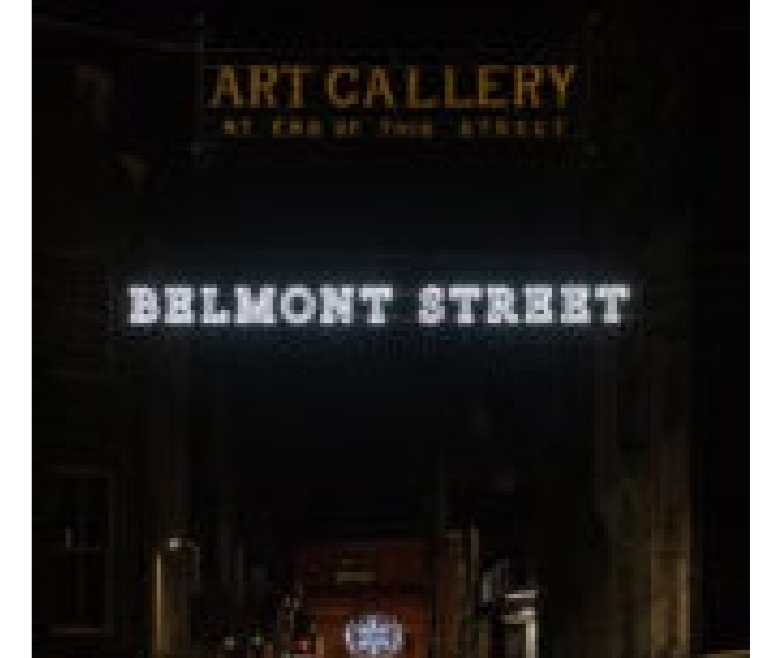
St Nicholas feature paving



Feature lighting



Wayfinding signage



Lighting columns



3.4 Street furniture

Tree grille



Wayfinding totem



Bench



Bin



Planter edging



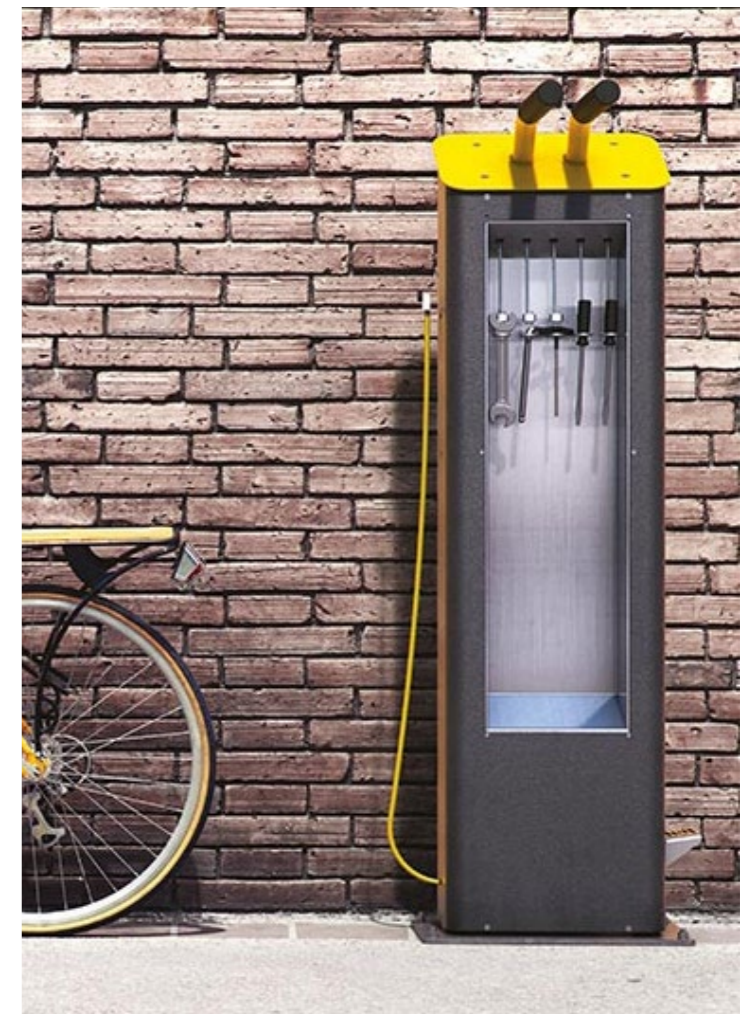
Cycle stand



Bollard



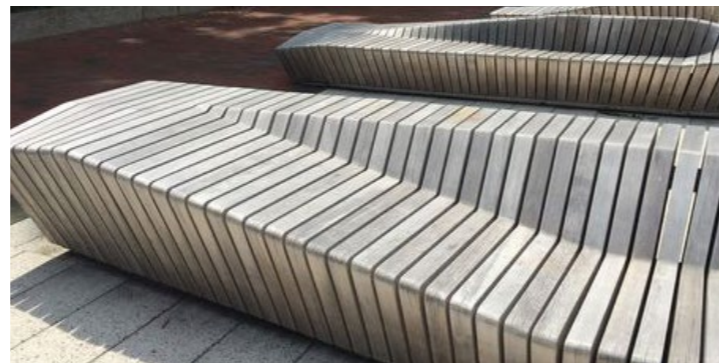
Cycle toolstation



Timber wall seat



Feature seating



Trellis planter



3.5 Planting

Native species



Seasonal interest



Texture

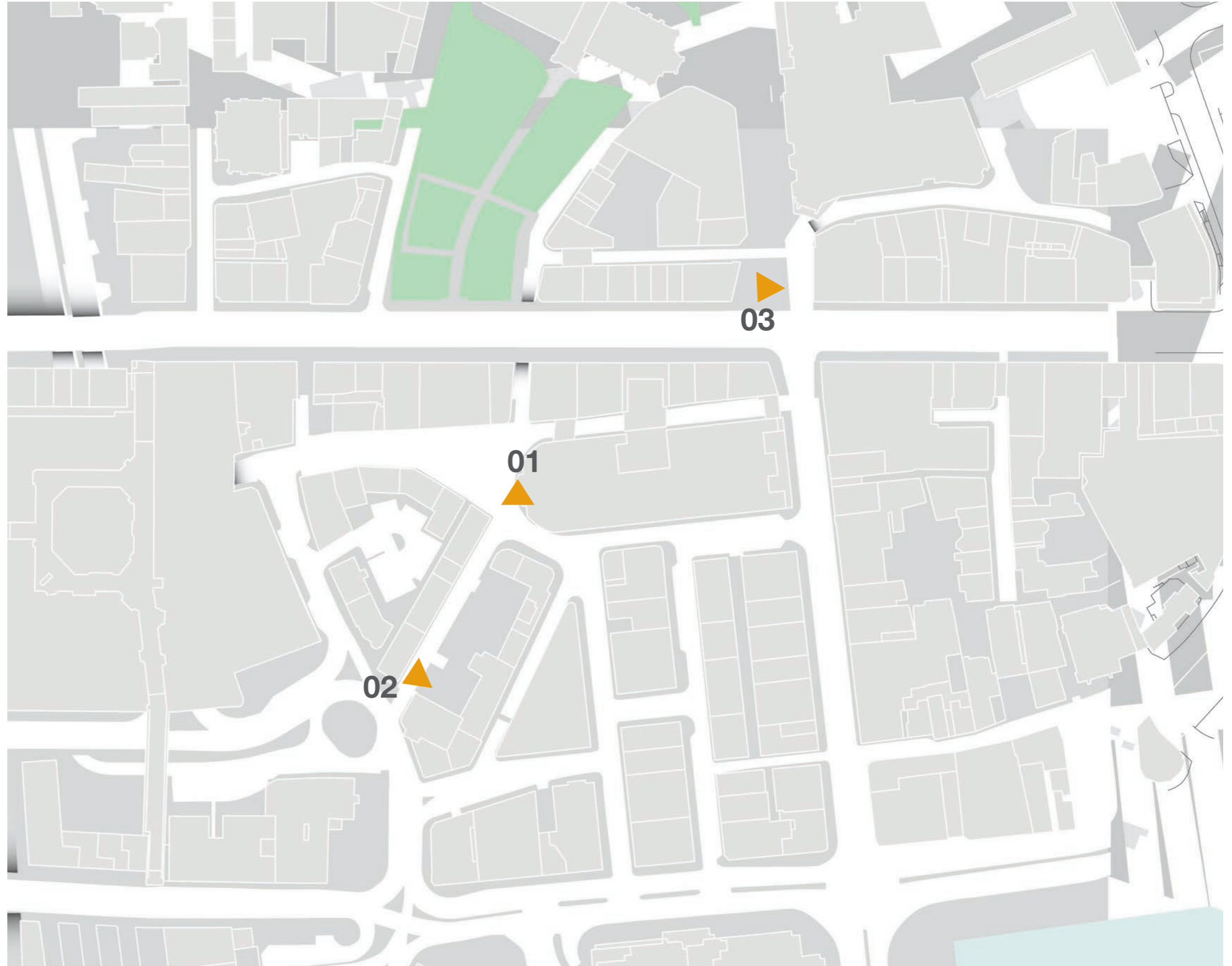


Biodiversity



3.6 Visualisation locations

The visualisations on the following pages show what the market streetscape concepts could look like in key locations. These locations are highlighted on the adjacent plan. The first image shows the view looking down Carmelite Street from the new market in the evening. Visualisation 2 highlights the route from Carmelite Street up towards the market whilst visualisation 3 indicatively shows the concept for a redeveloped St Nicholas Street.



3.7 Visual 01: Before (From Aberdeen Market looking towards Carmelite Street)



Visual 01: Proposed Concept



3.8 Visual 02: Before (From Wapping Street looking up Carmelite Street)



Visual 02: Proposed Concept



3.9 Visual 03: Before (From Union Street looking north along St Nicholas Street)



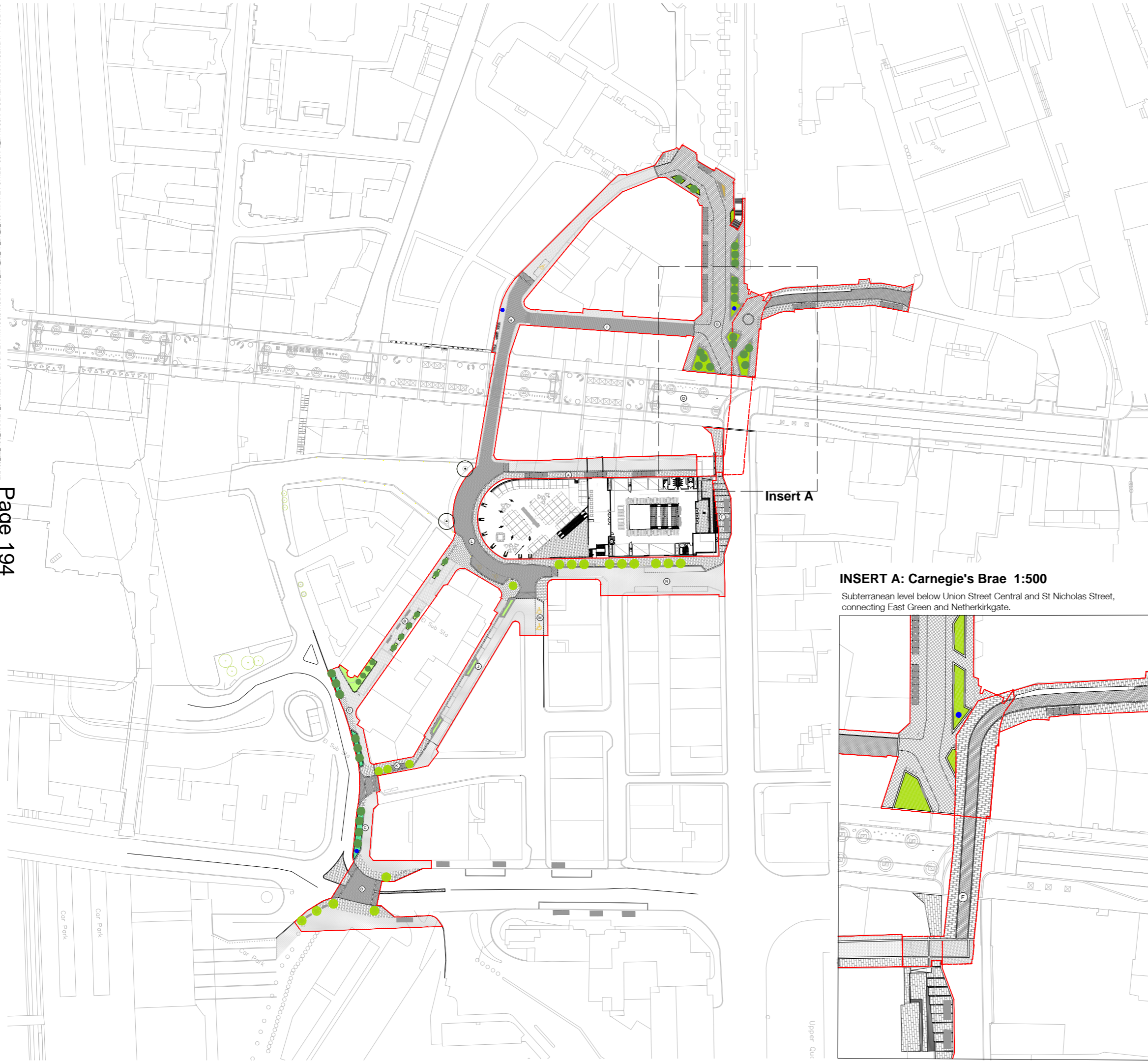
Visual 03: Proposed Concept



Appendix 1

RIBA Stage 3 Draft WIP General Arrangement Drawings

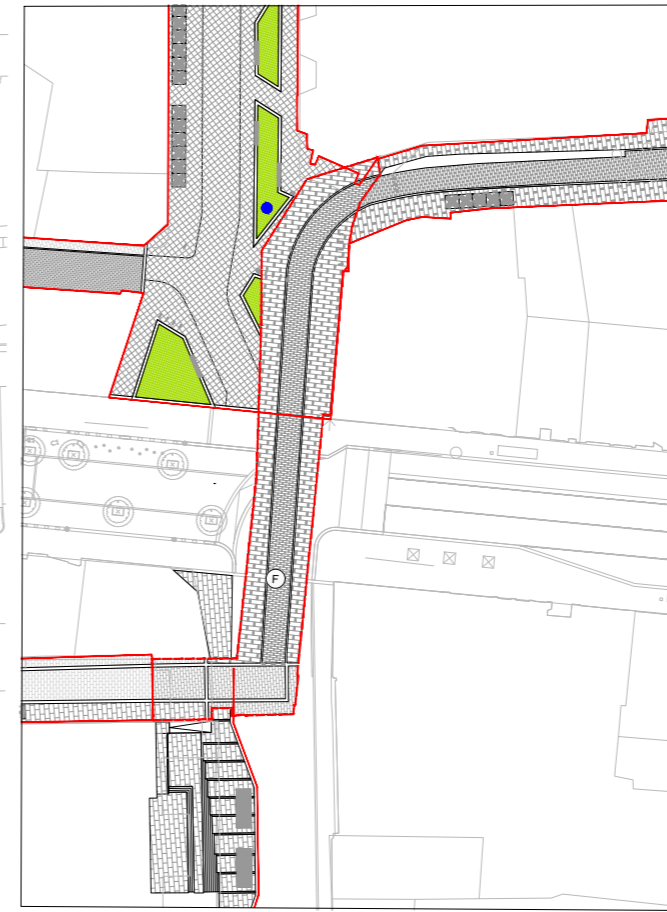
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GENERAL ARRANGEMENT

- A** ABERDEEN MARKET PAVEMENT
New pavement to Aberdeen Market periphery allowing material continuation into ground floor of the new market building. Widened pavements allow for new tree planting, street furniture and seating.
- B** CARMELITE STREET
Pedestrianisation of central section of Carmelite Street, marked by new bollards. Addition of new benches, bins and catenary lighting. Existing planters will be replanted with new planting and trees.
- C** WAPPING STREET
Reduction of the carriageway width allows for pavement widening, facilitating new rain gardens and tree planting.
- D** GUILD STREET
New pedestrian priority crossing at junction of Guild Street and Wapping Street improving pedestrian connection to the train and bus stations. New tree planting, seating and street furniture.
- E** MARKET STREET
New entrance to the Aberdeen Market with extended pavement to facilitate proposed bus shelters (final locations to be coordinated with SYSTRA). Final layout to be coordinated with Halliday Fraser Munro architects.
- F** CARNEGIE'S BRAE
Resurfacing of Carnegie's Brae to create more accessible route. Arch stonework and access doors to be cleaned and made good. Columns to be painted and the installation of an immersive lighting feature proposed.
- G** ST NICHOLAS STREET
Regeneration of pedestrianised St Nicholas Street square with resurfacing and introduction of new planters, street furniture and seating elements. Retains service vehicle access during restricted hours. Railing along path from St Nicholas Street to Netherkirkgate to be painted and cleaned. Building facade treatment and feature lighting also proposed.

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- H** CORRECTION WYND
Creation of raised table with new surface to improve pedestrian accessibility and priority under bridge.
- I** ST NICHOLAS LANE
Resurfacing of section of street to provide smooth surface for cycling, walking and wheeling.
- J** CARMELITE LANE
Retention of 8 car parking spaces and introduction of new planters. Proposed catenary lighting and signage.
- K** TRINITY STREET
Resurfacing of north pavement which is currently in poor condition. Introduction of new street trees. Raised table crossing at junction with Wapping Street.
- L** THE GREEN
Rationalisation of carriageway to allow for pavement widening. Introduction of new raised table crossing from Market to Carmelite Street. Integration of 2no. accessible parking spaces adjacent to the Market. Resurfacing of section of carriageway to create smooth surface for cycling.
- M** STIRLING STREET
Retention of existing taxi ranks. Proposals for new street trees, seating and furniture on new pavement outside Aberdeen Market.
- N** HADDEN STREET
Retention of existing taxi ranks. Proposals for new street trees, seating and furniture on new pavement outside Aberdeen Market.
- O** UNION STREET CENTRAL
Proposals for Union Street Central, for detail see drawings 8153-LDA-01-XX-DR-L-1000 series
- P** PHASE 1 & 2 BOUNDARY
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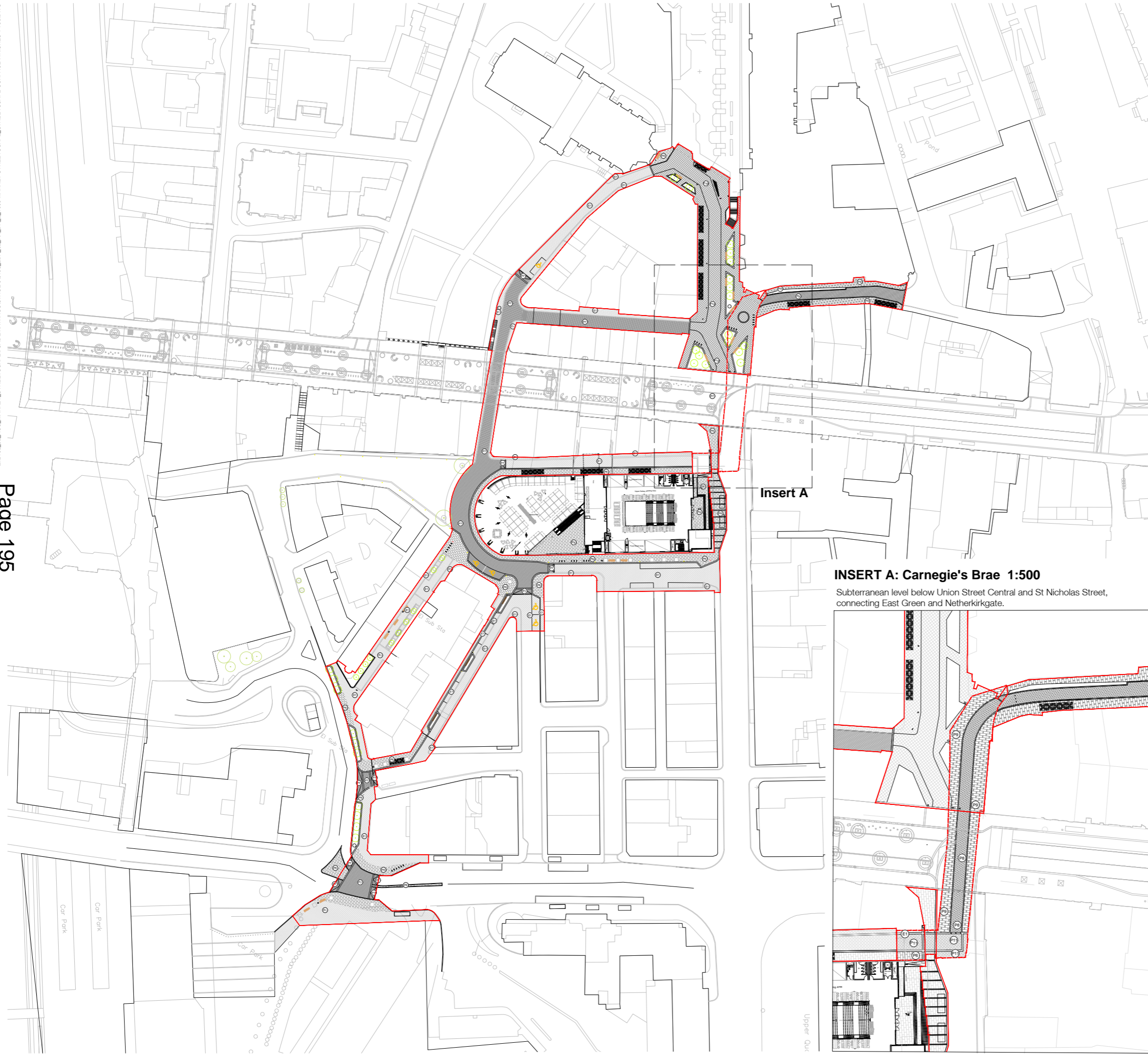
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Colour: Dark grey/black;
Finish: fine picked or flame finish;
Size: 400(w) x 400mm (l) x 70mm (d).
Locations to be decided - allowance should be made in cost plan
- Paving Type 5 (P5):**
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Supplier: Tradstocks/CED Stone;
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Finish: flat top and fine picked;
Size: 400mm(w) x 400mm(l) x 70mm(d)
Locations to be decided - allowance should be made in cost plan
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Scottish granite flag paving;
Supplier: Tradstocks/CED Stone;
Colour: Mix of greys, buff and pink to match existing in surrounding area;
Finish: flat top and fine picked;
Size: To match existing in surrounding area
- Paving Type 7 (P7):**
Scottish granite sett paving;
Supplier: Tradstocks/CED Stone;
Colour: Mix of greys, buff and pink to match existing in surrounding area;
Finish: flat top and fine picked;
Size: To match existing in surrounding area (*)
- Paving Type 8 (P8):**
Scottish granite sett paving;
Supplier: Tradstocks/CED Stone;
Colour: Mix of greys, buff and pink with grey feature insert to match Flourmill Lane paving
Finish: flat top and fine picked with polished feature insert
Size: To match existing in surrounding area (*)
- Paving Type 9 (P9):**
Scottish granite flag paving;
Supplier: Tradstocks/CED Stone;
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Finish: flat top and fine picked with polished feature insert
Size: To match existing in surrounding area
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Supplier: Reused from areas which are being resurfaced;
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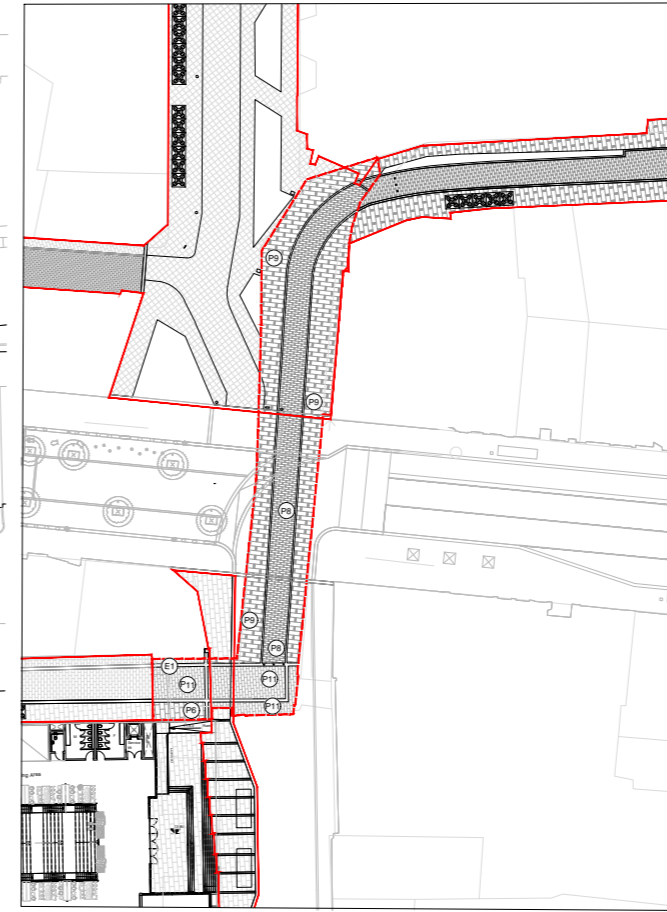
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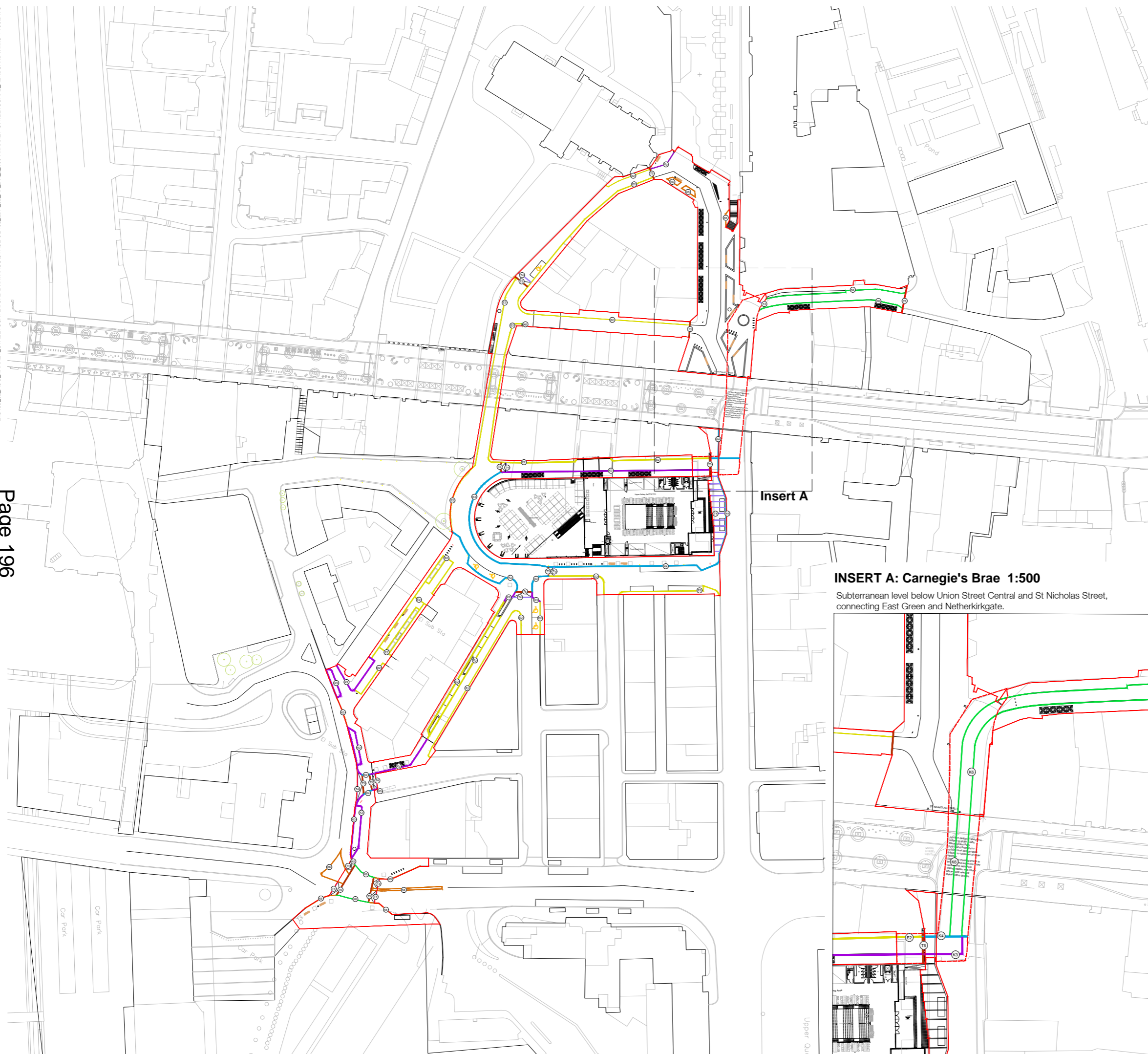
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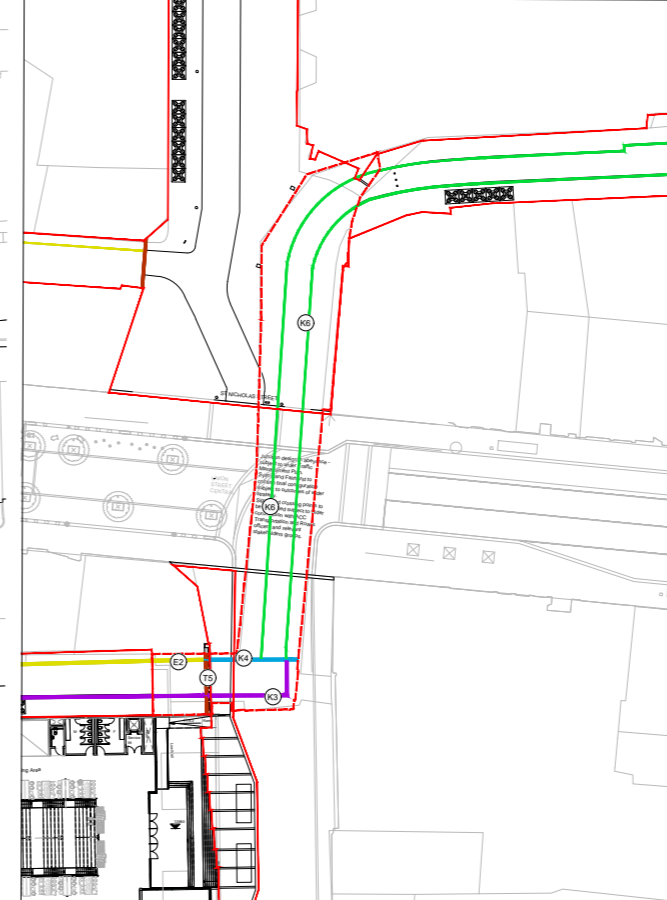
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KERBS, TRIMS AND EDGES

- K3**
Kerb Type 3 (K3):
Scottish granite stone bullnosed kerb;
Colour: Mix of greys, buff and pink to match existing in surrounding area;
Supplier: CED Stone/ Tradstocks;
Finish: fine picked or punch finish;
Size: 400(w)x900-1200 (l)x255mm(d*);
Laid 60mm upstand.
- K4**
Kerb Type 4 (K4):
Scottish natural stone bullnosed kerb;
Colour: Mix of greys, buff and pink to match existing in surrounding area;
Supplier: CED Stone/ Tradstocks;
Finish: fine picked or punch finish;
Size: 400(w)x900-1200 (l)x255mm(d*);
Laid 20mm upstand.
- K5**
Kerb Type 5 (K5):
Scottish natural stone bullnosed kerb;
Colour: Mix of grey, buff and pink to match existing;
Supplier: CED Stone/ Tradstocks;
Finish: fine picked or punch finish;
Size: 200(w)x900-1200 (l)x255mm(d*);
Laid 60mm upstand.
- K6**
Kerb Type 6 (K6):
Scottish natural stone bullnosed kerb;
Colour: Mix of grey, buff and pink to match existing;
Supplier: CED Stone/ Tradstocks;
Finish: fine picked or punch finish;
Size: 200(w)x900-1200 (l)x255mm(d*);
Laid 20mm upstand.
- T4**
Trim Type 4 (T4):
Scottish natural stone flat top kerb;
Colour: Grey;
Supplier: CED Stone/ Tradstocks;
Finish: fine picked or punch finish;
Size: 400(w)x900-1200 (l)x255mm(d*);
Laid flush to interface with adjacent surfaces.

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- T5**
Trim Type 5 (T5):
Scottish natural stone flat top kerb;
Colour: grey;
Supplier: CED Stone/ Tradstocks;
Finish: fine picked or punch finish;
Size: 200(w)x900-1200 (l)x255mm(d*);
Laid flush.
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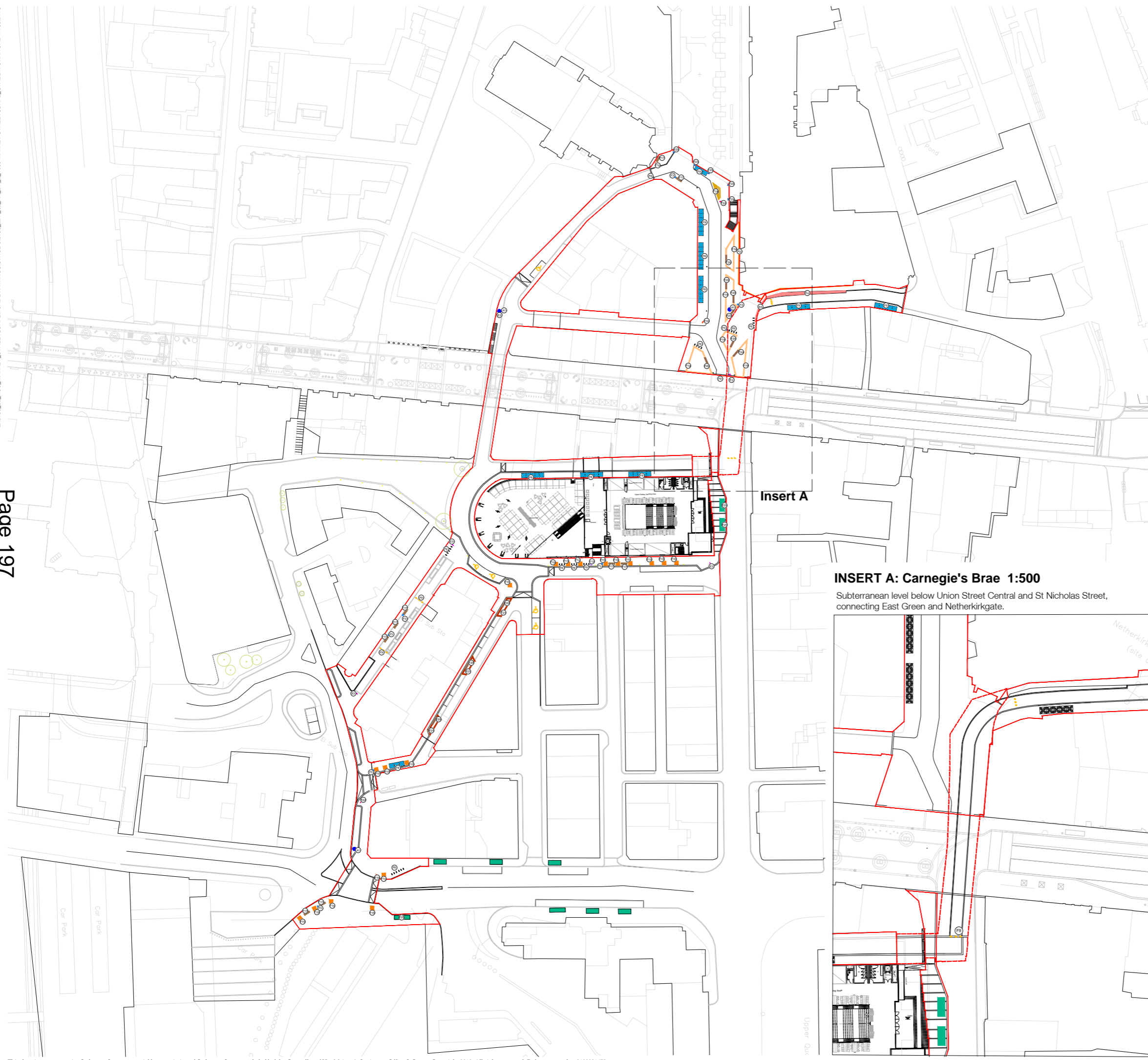
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STREET FURNITURE

- Street Furniture Type 3 (F3): Bins
- Street Furniture Type 6 (F6): Cycle stands.
- Street Furniture Type 8 (F8): Canvases for outdoor seating areas (TBC).
- Street Furniture Type 9 (F9): Moveable bollards (All locations tbc).
- Street Furniture Type 10 (F10): Wayfinding boards.
- Street Furniture Type 11 (F11): Drinking fountain.
- Street Furniture Type 12 (F12): Bike tool station.
- Street Furniture Type 15 (F15): Tree grate.
- Street Furniture Type 17 (F17): Bench.
- Street Furniture Type 18 (F18): Bespoke feature timber seat
- Street Furniture Type 19 (F19): Stone planter edge
- Street Furniture Type 20 (F20): Timber wall seat.

LEGEND

- Street Furniture Type 21 (E21): Granite planter edge.
- Street Furniture Type 22 (E22): Existing wayfinding totem relocated.
- Street Furniture Type 23 (E23): Box planter with trellis system.
- Street Furniture Type 25 (E25): Bus shelter.
- Existing wayfinding totem (E3): Existing wayfinding totem retained
- Existing railing (E4): Railing retained, to be painted and cleaned.

NOTE:
For further details, refer to document number 8153-LDA-02-XX-SP-L-1001 Market Streetscape Outline Specification.

ART STRATEGY

- Art Feature Type 1 (A1): Iconic wayfinding sculpture feature.
- Art Feature Type 2 (A2): Mural to building facade.

NOTE:
Art Strategy TBC - subject to further consultation. Final selection to be discussed and agreed with ACC client. All art features shown currently are indicative and subject to change following further discussion.

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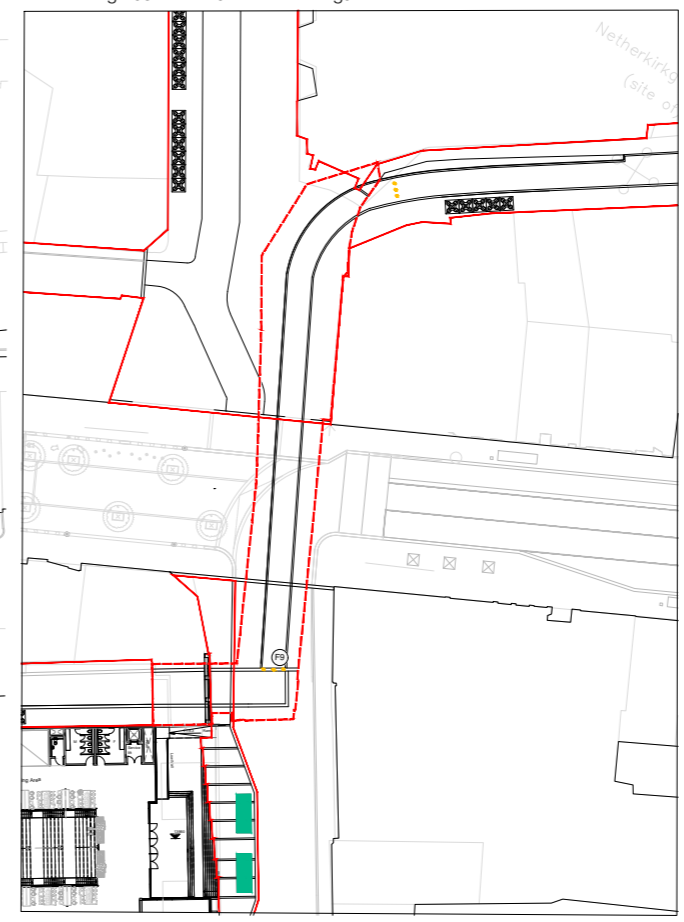
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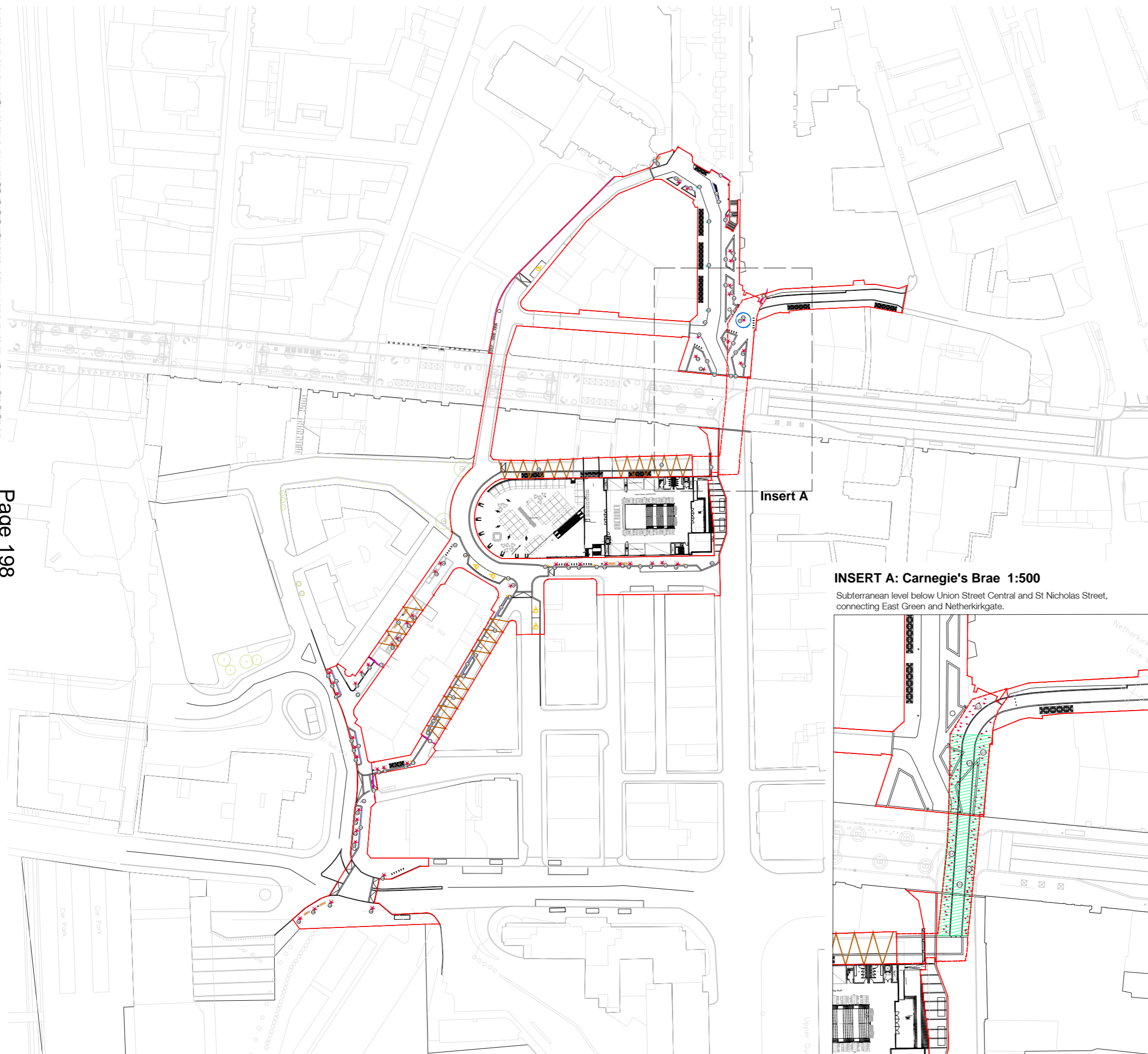
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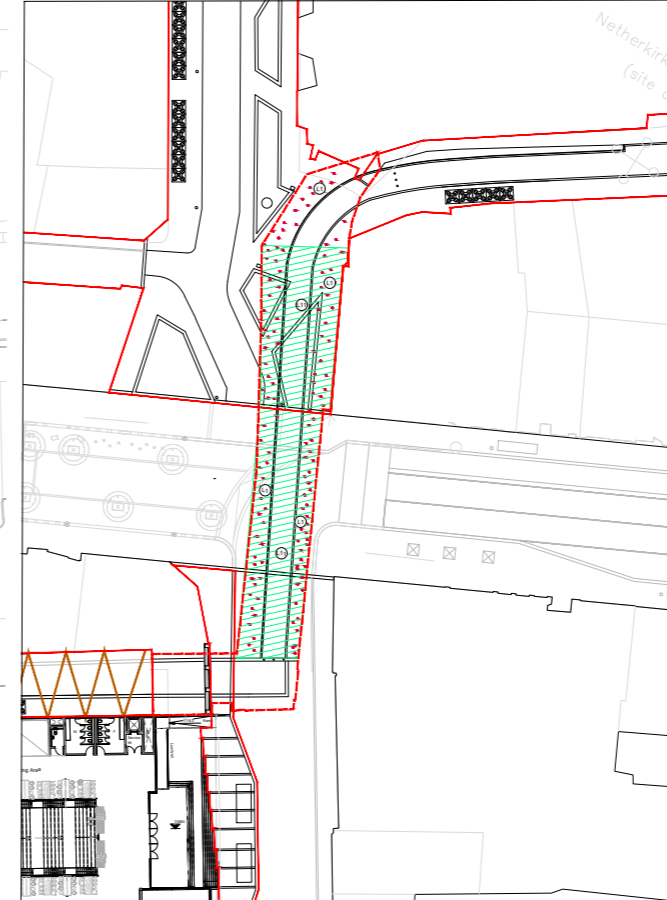
- LIGHTING**
- Lighting feature Type 1 (L1): In-ground 'constellation' way-finding lighting
 - Lighting feature Type 4b (L4b): Tree uplighters to trees in fixed planters.
 - Lighting feature Type 5 (L5): Allowance Supplementary Feature Lighting to street furniture elements
 - Lighting feature Type 6 (L6): Allowance for Iconic Feature Lighting to St Nicholas Street
 - Lighting feature Type 7 (L7): Allowance for Sentinel Lighting at Key Nodes (street entrances and steps)
 - Lighting feature Type 8 (L8): Catenary Tumbler lighting.
 - Lighting feature Type 9 (L9): Lighting column.
 - Lighting feature Type 10 (L10): Lantern lighting column to match existing in The Green.
 - Lighting feature Type 11 (L11): Immersive lighting installation in Carnegie's Brae.
- UTILITIES**
- Utilities Type 1 (U1): Recessed water, power and drainage outlet. Power supply for each unit: 1 x 63amp, 2 x 32amp, 2 x 16 amp plus water supply (TBC)
 - PHASE 1 & 2 BOUNDARY See drawings 8153-LDA-02-XX-DR-L-1101 for further information on project phasing

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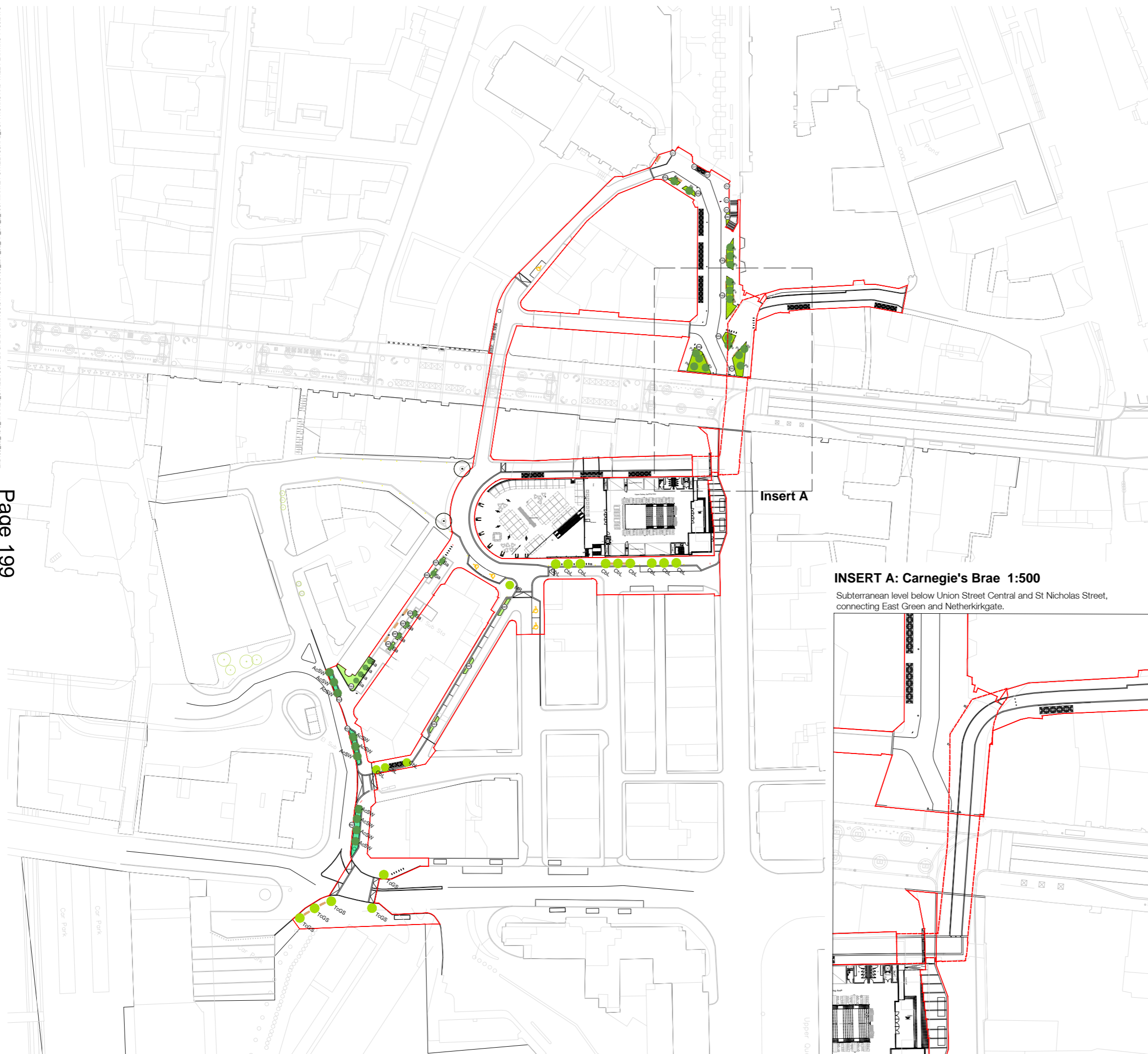
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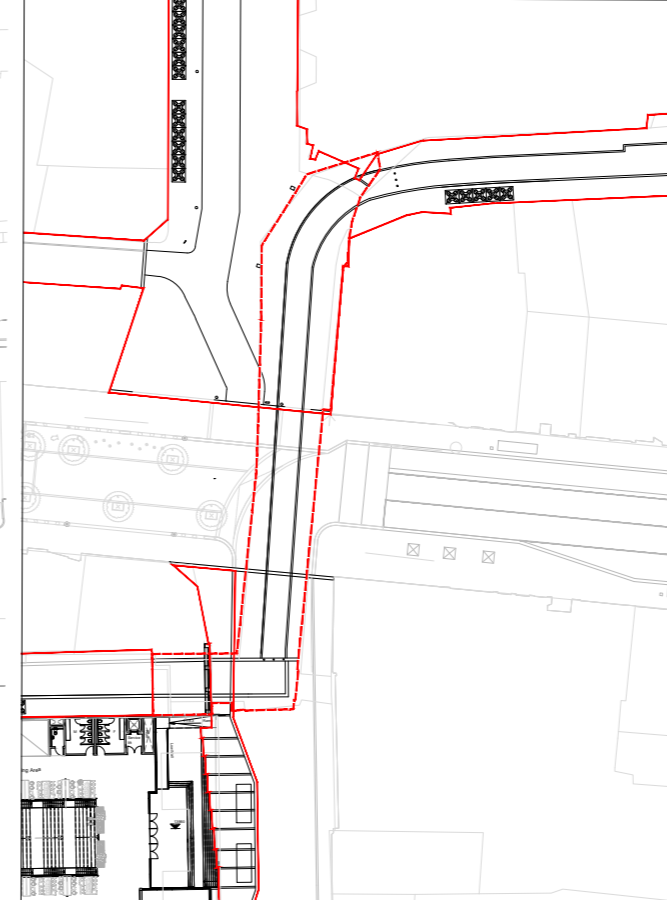


- LEGEND**
- SOFTWORKS**
- Trees in Hard Landscape***
Proposed feature trees in hard landscape
Mix of the following species:
Matus 'Rudolph' (MR), Carpinus betulus 'Lucas' (CbL), Tilia Cordata 'Green Spire' (TcGS)
 - Trees in Soft Landscape***
Proposed trees in soft landscape
Mix of the following species:
Sorbus acuparia (Sa), Pinus sylvestris (Ps), Acer Campestre 'Street Wise' (AcSW)
 - Existing Trees:**
Existing trees retained.
 - Softworks mix 1 (SW1):**
Mix 1 - Shrub and herbaceous planting to Carmelite Lane and Carmelite Street
 - Softworks mix 2 (SW2):**
Mix 2 - Shrub and herbaceous planting to St Nicholas Street
 - Rain garden mix (RG1):**
Rain garden planting mix to Wapping Street verges.
 - Climbing plants (C1):**
Climbing plant mix to be grown up Bon Accord Centre columns in St Nicholas Street. Trained via trellis wire system.
- *Assume all trees require urban tree cell system. Refer to 8153-LDA-02-XX-SP-L-1001 Outline specification for more detail.
- Planting selection- subject to further consultation.
Final selection to be discussed and agreed with ACC client.
- For more details on the plant species refer to:
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- For information about the maintenance regime refer to:
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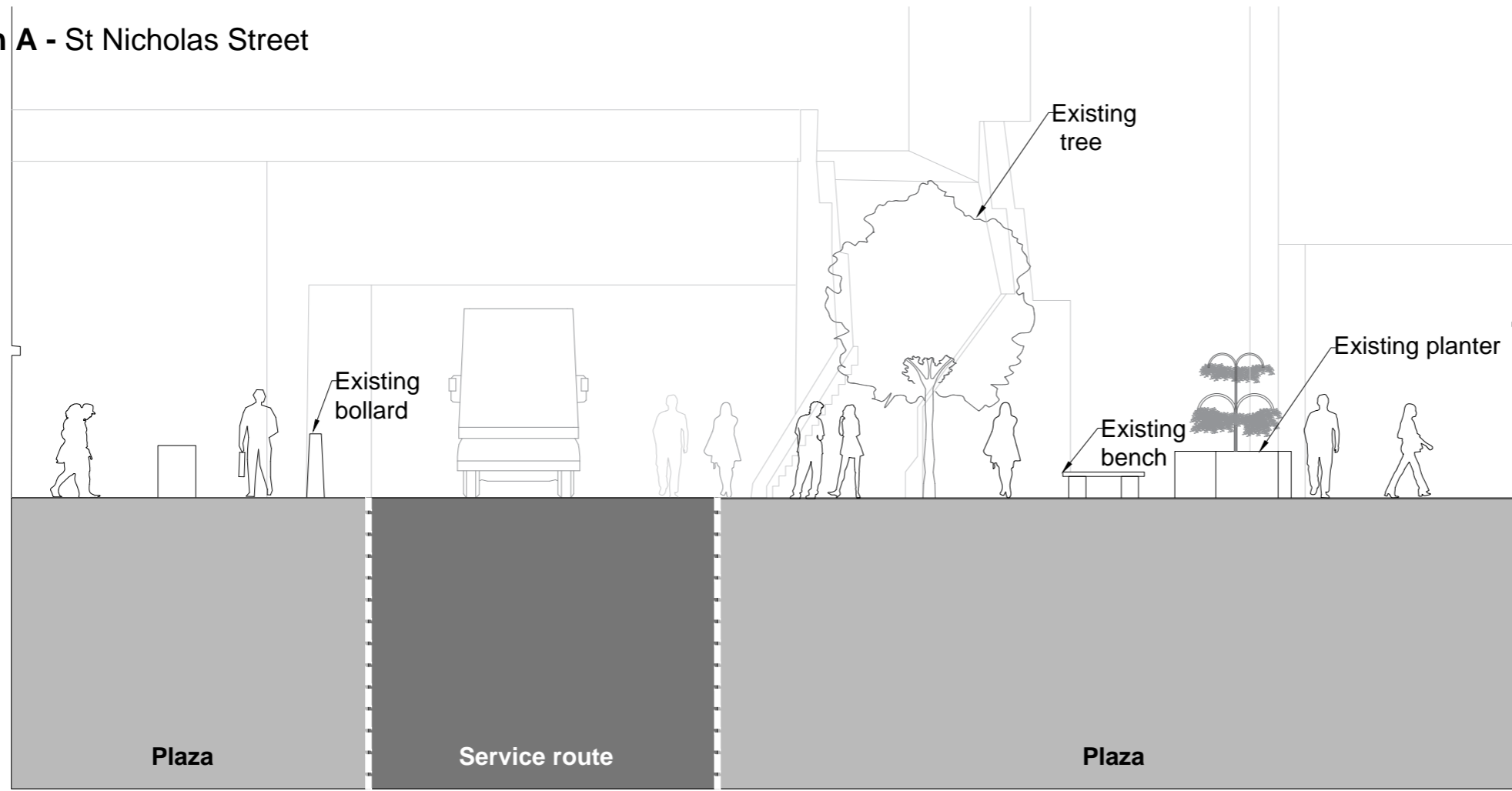
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Existing section A - St Nicholas Street



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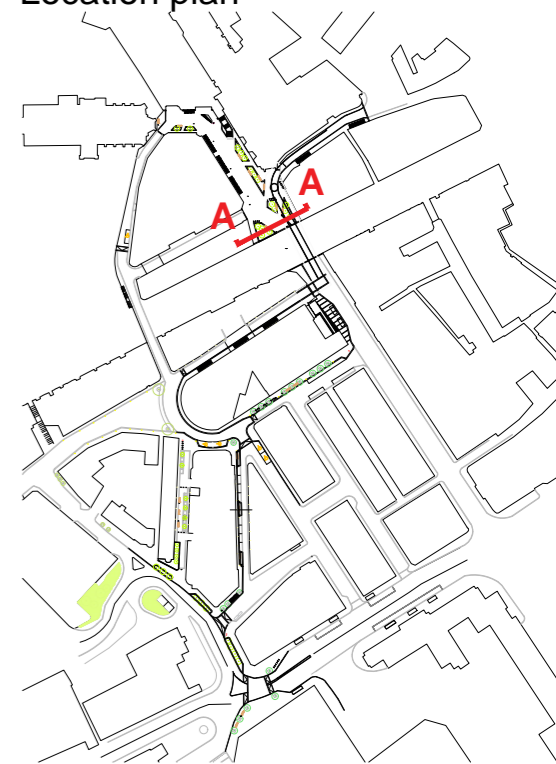
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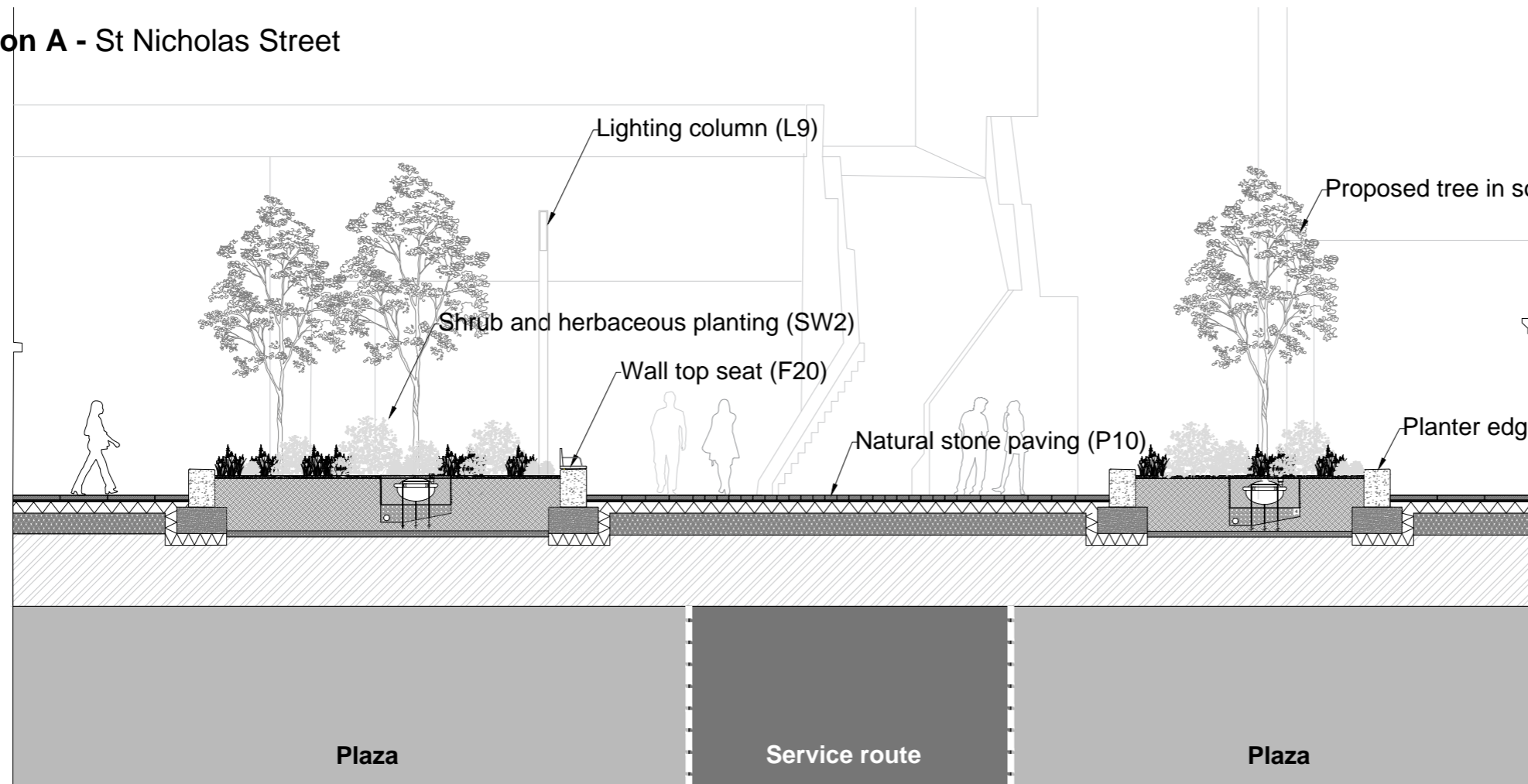
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Proposed section A - St Nicholas Street



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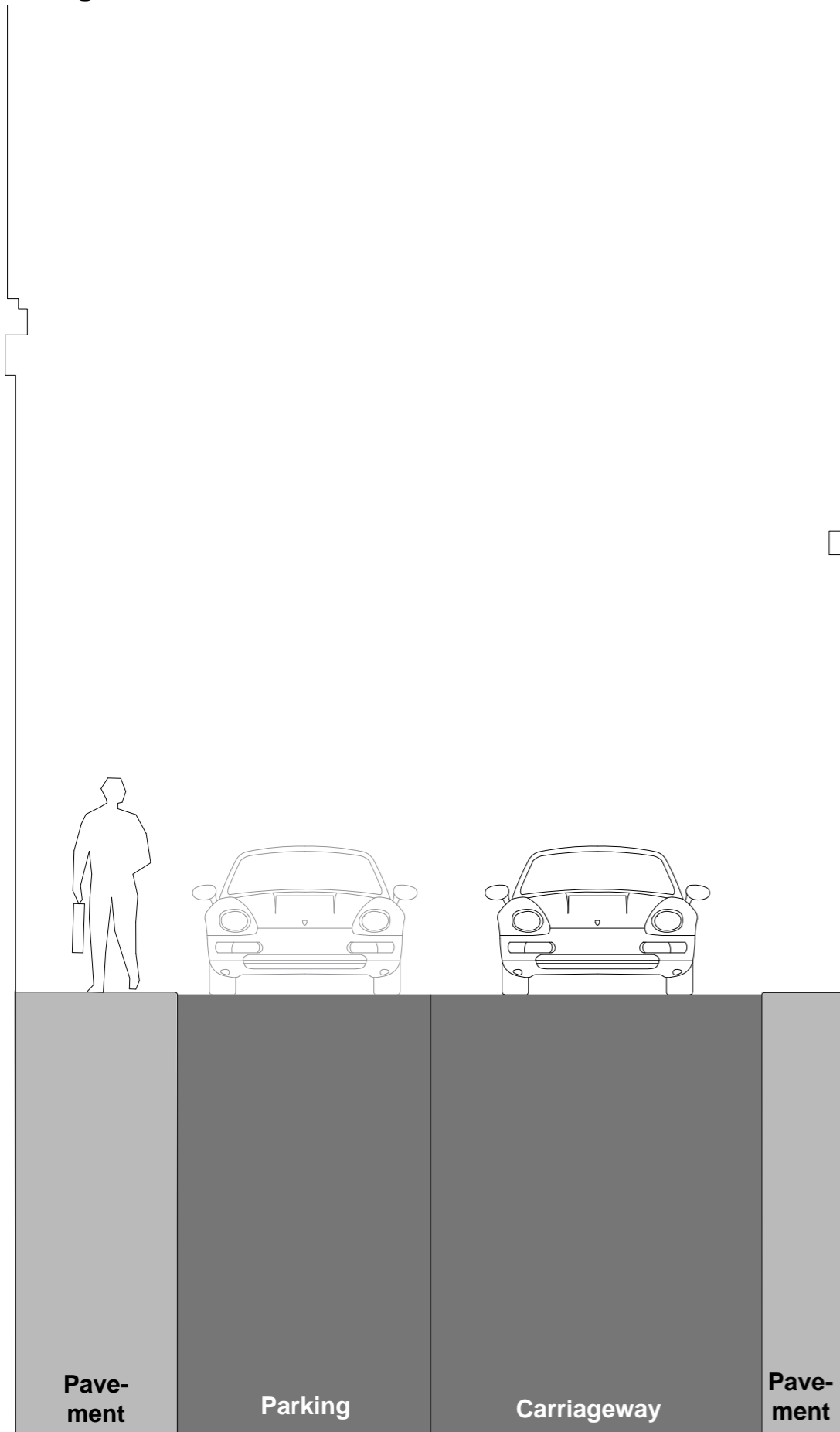
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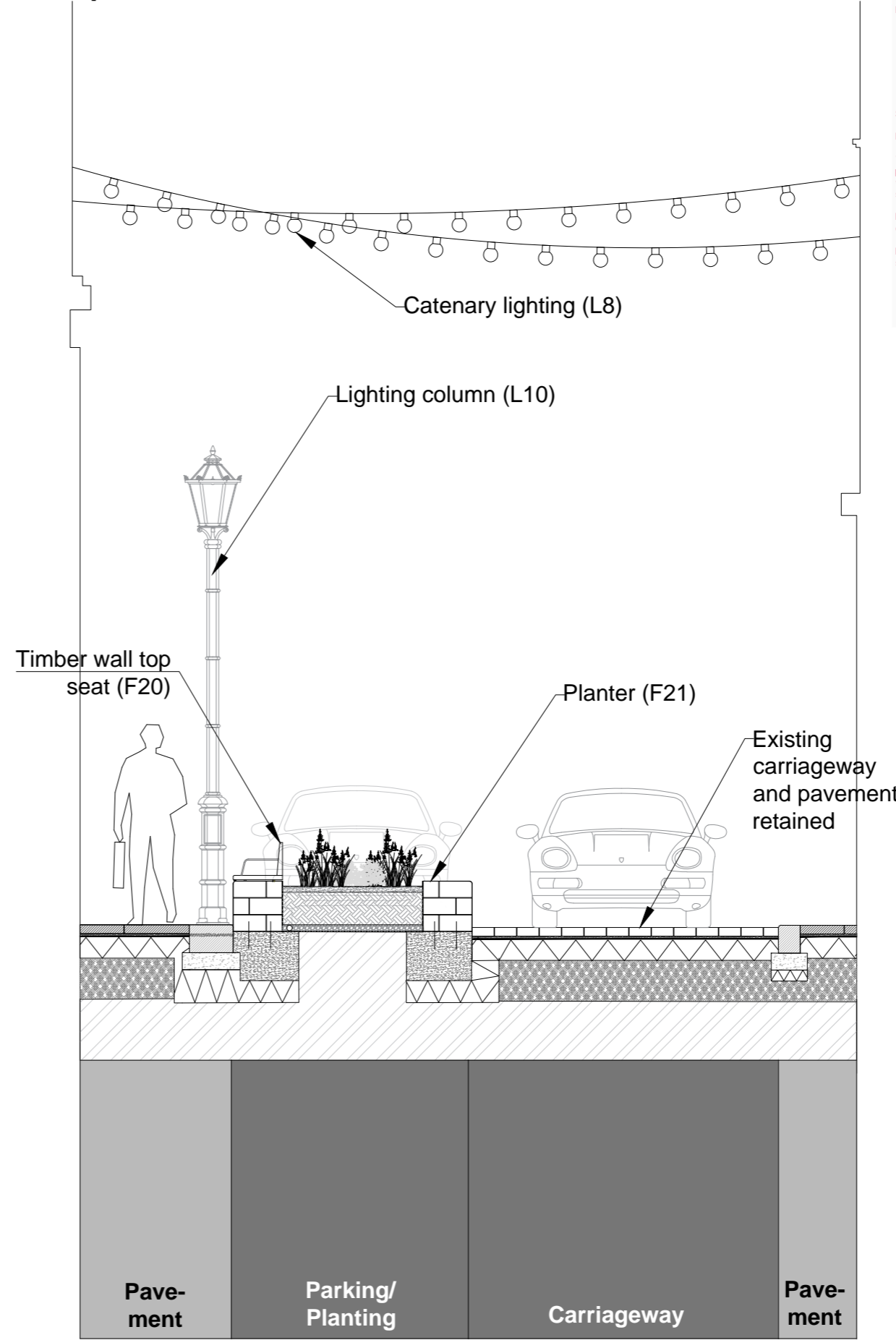
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Existing section B - Carmelite Lane



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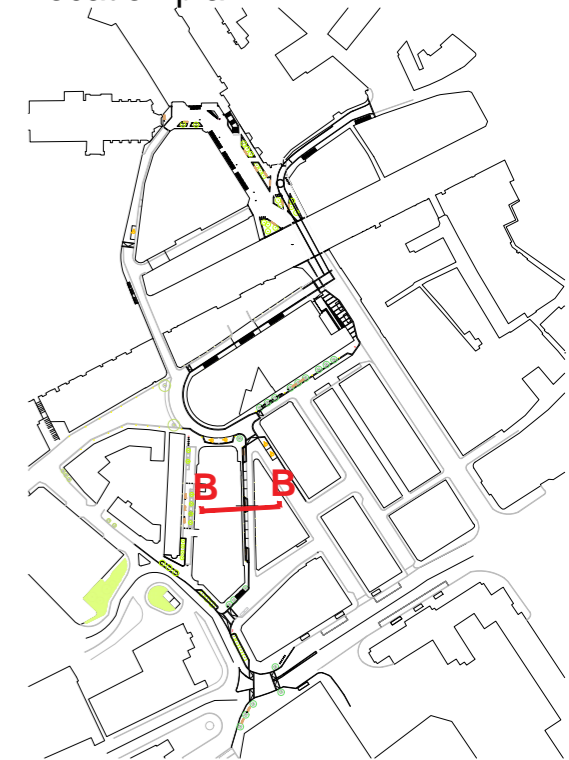
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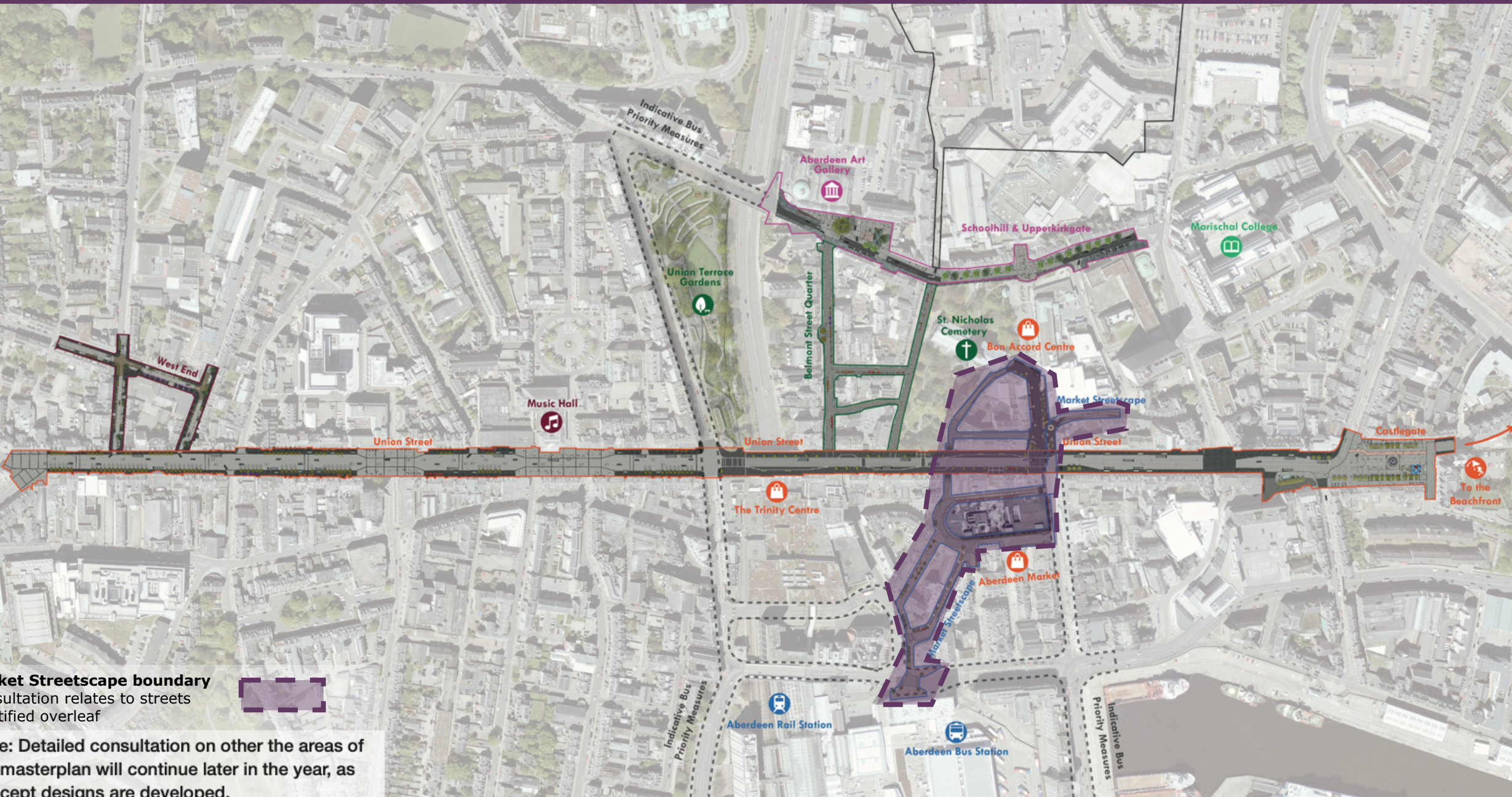
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CCMP: Overall Streetscape Proposals

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Market Streetscape boundary
Consultation relates to streets identified overleaf

Note: Detailed consultation on other the areas of the masterplan will continue later in the year, as concept designs are developed.

CCMP: Market Streetscape – summary of proposals Consulted on

The plan below shows the concept designs for Market Streetscape.



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Parking and transport

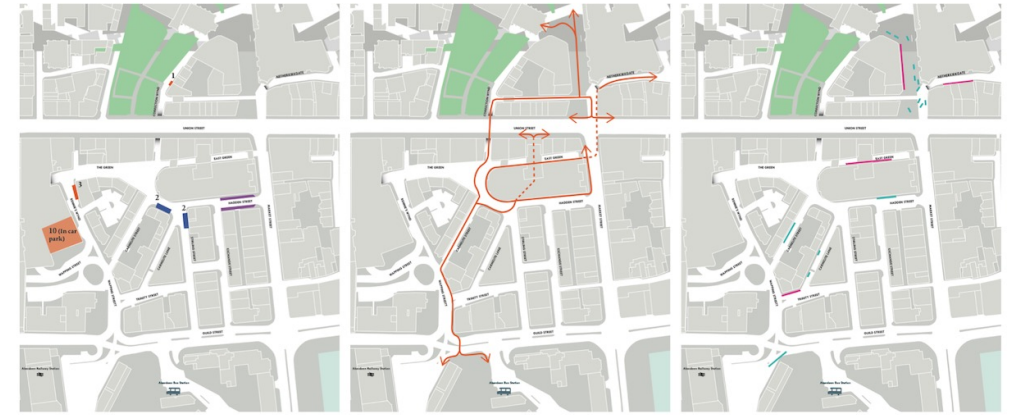
Two new accessible parking spaces are proposed directly opposite the market building on The Green between Carmelite Street and Carmelite Lane. A further two accessible spaces are proposed on Stirling Street by re-purposing existing general parking spaces. The existing accessible parking space on Correction Wynd is retained. The existing taxi rank on Hadden Street is also retained as is.

Surfacing

Key areas are resurfaced to improve walking and wheeling accessibility between Union Street and the train and bus stations. A light touch approach is taken through linking up areas where the paving is already smooth and in good quality, such as Wapping Street and Carmelite Street. New raised table crossings at The Green, Trinity Street and Guild Street ensure that it is easy to cross the historic setted streets at junctions.

Rest

Benches and seat walls are proposed on Carmelite Lane, Carmelite Street and Hadden Street to ensure there are opportunities to rest on key routes between Union Street and the stations. There is a significant amount of seating currently on St Nicholas Street which is well used, this is considered in the new proposals, ensuring there is plenty seating for those who dwell in St Nicholas Street.



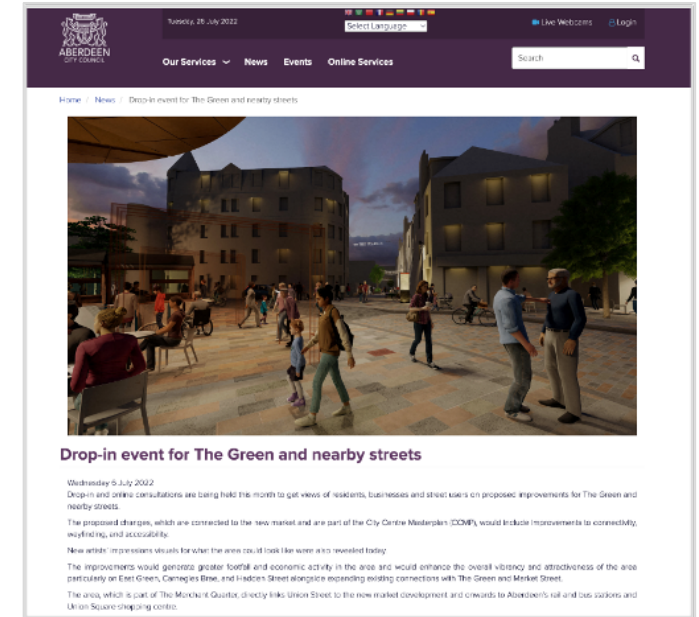
Summary of the proposed works

- 1 The Green**
 - Existing natural stone setts retained, restored and made good where required
 - New natural stone paving to market building edge lying with the internal footscape
 - A new natural stone, raised table plaza creating a sense of arrival into the Merchant Quarter from the Market
 - Addition of cycle stands and feature tree at head of Carmelite Lane
 - 2no. accessible parking bays included
- 2 Carmelite Street**
 - Existing paving and planting retained
 - Through route stepped up by the introduction of bollards. Access to private car park retained for residents.
 - Benches added to provide refuge within the central streetscape
 - Catenary lighting spanning from building to building
 - Enhanced greening and existing planting replaced where needed
- 3 Wapping Street**
 - A line of traffic green over to footpath widening, promoting safe active travel on the eastern edge
 - Street greening introduced through street trees and robust low-maintenance planting
 - Opportunity to dwell with the introduction of street side furniture
- 4 Guild Street Crossing**
 - Pedestrian priority crossing point, widened footways creating a plaza like space as a welcome mat to the city
 - Street greening introduced through street trees and robust low-maintenance planting
 - A widened footpath giving the theatre a street presence
 - Opportunity to dwell with the introduction of street side furniture
 - The start and end of an intuitive wayfinding paving inlay, totem, art trail
- 5 Carmelite Lane**
 - Existing natural stone setts retained in part, complemented with areas of new natural stone paving
 - Street greening incorporated through low level, robust, low maintenance planting
 - 8 retained car parking spaces, open to one way traffic
 - A continued street furniture and lantern lighting language as per those in The Green
 - Catenary lighting spanning from building to building
 - Wayfinding through paving inlays, totems and signage tying with Hadden St plaza & Trinity Street
- 6 East Green**
 - Existing natural stone setts retained, restored and made good where required
 - A new natural stone edge to the Market tying with Carnegie's Brae materials whilst also being better suited to outdoor seating opportunities
 - Lighting through the use of catenary lights & appreciating the listed arch structure above on Market Street bringing the space to life
- 7 Carnegie's Brae**
 - New natural stone paving throughout tying to the Merchant Quarter material palette
 - Existing sandstone arches and associated architecture, cleaned to reveal its original character
 - Lighting & art installations bringing the space to life. Alongside flexibility to host cultural events
 - Outdoor seating opportunities to Netherkirkgate considered and integrated
- 8 Correction Wynd**
 - Restoration of existing setts where required
 - Raised table at underpass to create share with care zone to prioritise pedestrian movement
- 9 Market Street**
 - A new natural stone materiality to the east footway, recognising the arrival at the Market building and giving it a street presence
- 10 Hadden Street**
 - Materiality continuity with the internal Market floor and connection at upper level to Union Street
 - Wayfinding a key thread through artistic paving inlays, totems & lighting
 - Street greening introduced through street trees
 - Taxi rank provision retained as existing
 - Cycle stands introduced
- 11 Trinity Street**
 - Vehicular junction with Wapping Street re-configured to prioritise pedestrian movement, social opportunity, retail engagement and street greening
 - Trees introduced into existing tree pits and new feature tree implemented at foot of Carmelite Lane
 - Signage introduced to capture station foot traffic and intuitive wayfinding
 - Street furniture enhanced to provide seating, cycle parking, bin storage.
- 12 St Nicholas Street**
 - Upgraded plaza with planting, street furniture and trees
 - New natural stone surface to improve accessibility and enhance pedestrian priority of space, retaining service access
 - Integration of murals or art within plaza
 - Improved wayfinding and signage
- 13 St Nicholas Lane**
 - Introduction of strip of carriageway repaved in smooth surface to encourage use by cyclists travelling from Merchant Quarter to Union Street
 - No other proposed streetscape works other than making good of natural stone surface where required
- 14 Stirling Street, Exchange Street**
 - 2no. accessible parking bays included to the north of Stirling Street
 - No proposed streetscape works other than making good of natural stone surfaces where required.

Market Streetscape Engagement Activity

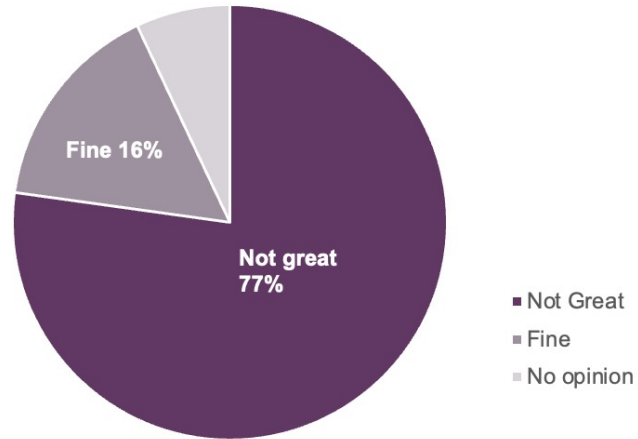
- Consultation publicised 6th July by direct letter drop to 450 properties and supporting PR from ACC Comms.
- Consultation ran from 8th July – 12 noon 25th July
- Consultation information available online www.streets-uk/marketstreetscape
- Drop in events held in Maritime Museum 13th and 14th July from 2pm-6pm
- 44 people attended drop in events
- 114 written submissions made in total
- Stakeholder meetings held as follows:
 - DEP 11th July
 - City Centre Community Council 11th July
 - ACTUP 14th July
 - Aberdeen Inspired (at Merchant Quarter Networking Event 19th July)

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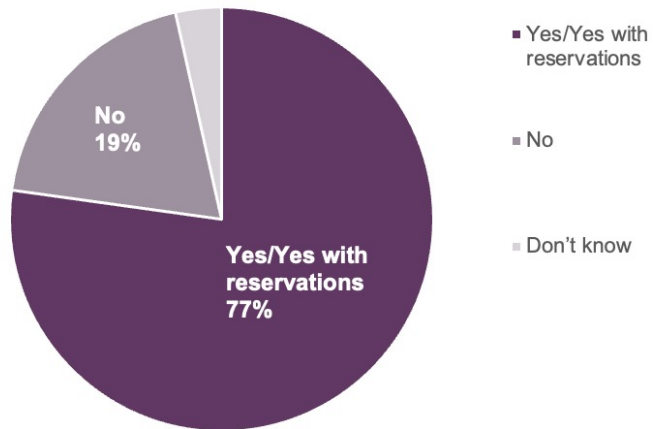
Market Streetscape Feedback

How would you rate the current experience of people arriving at the stations and walking or wheeling to Union Street?

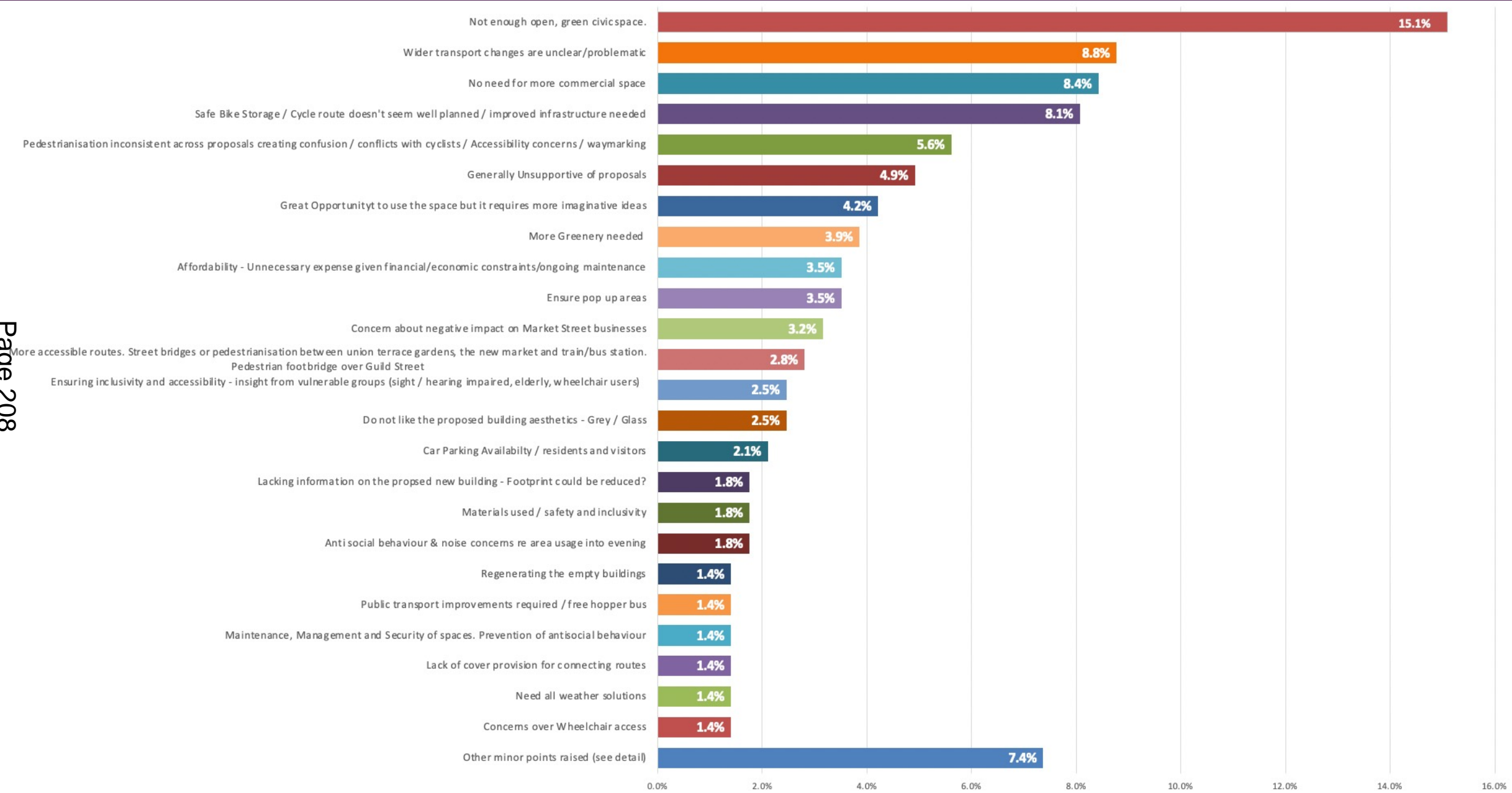


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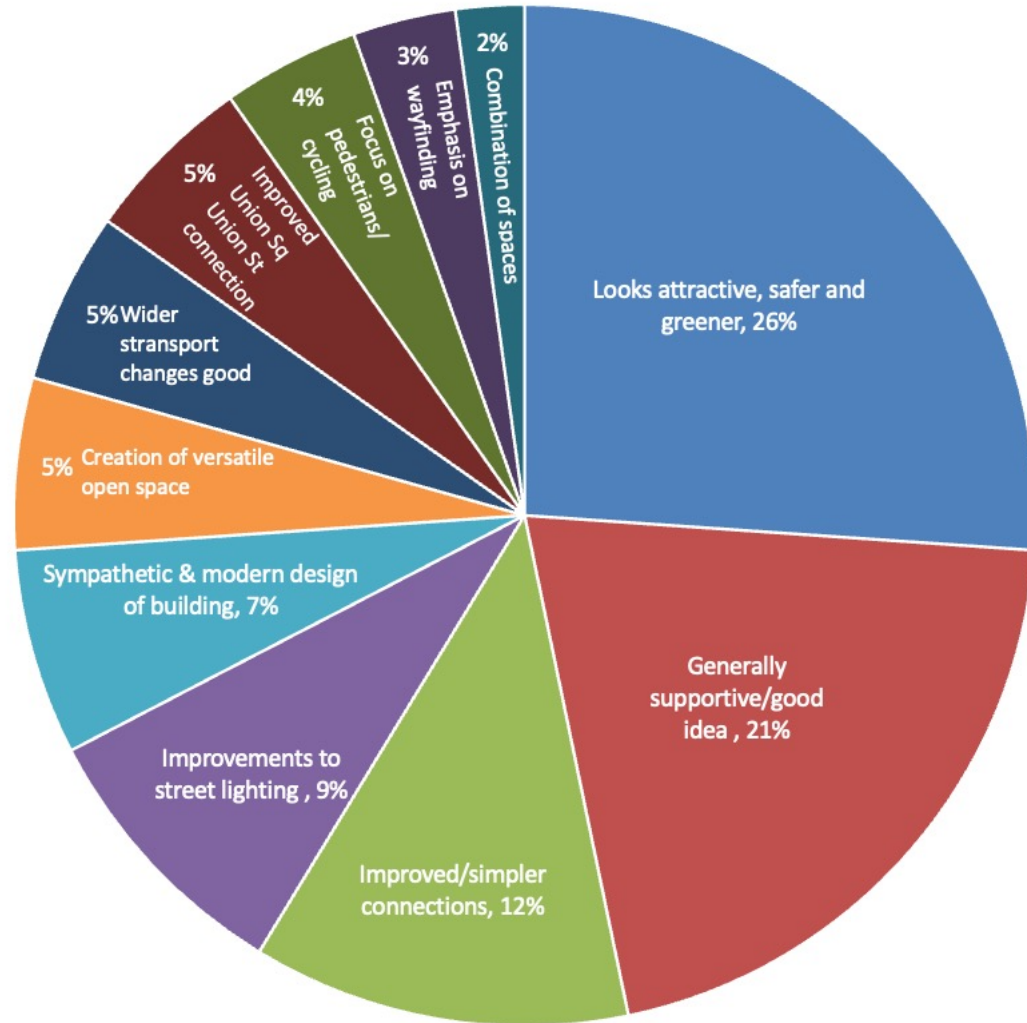
Do you think the proposals will create a more pleasant walking and wheeling route between the stations and Union St?



Issues Raised



People told us they like...



- Looks attractive, safer and greener
- Improvements to street lighting
- Wider transport changes are good
- The emphasis on wayfinding
- Generally supportive/good idea
- Sympathetic & modern design of building
- The 'Green' connecting Union Square to Union Street
- Combination of internal and external spaces
- Improved/simpler connections
- Creation of a versatile open space.
- Increased focus on pedestrian / cyclists / wheeling



This is a great initiative to get people arriving in Bus and Train stations to realise just streets away get you to the shopping centres, pub and restaurants and to enjoy the history and culture of Aberdeen.

Chair, City Centre Community Council

Aberdeen Inspired support the continued investment in the City Centre Masterplan and will continue to provide the BID business networks as a vehicle for engagement and communication with our levy payers and other businesses.

Aberdeen Inspired

- The Market redevelopment could significantly improve accessibility to the eastern end of Union St - predicated on accessible blue badge space provision in the streets surrounding The Green
- Welcome the opportunity to change the existing urban realm and discuss balancing accessibility and place along the historic East Green which is in dire need of refurbishment (in circa 1840's materials and layout within the conservation area and to balance out requirements)
- Welcome Carnegie's Brae to be included as the urban realm is in v poor condition and part of the city centre routes to the stations

Disability Equity Partnership

There is no obvious cycle-specific infrastructure in the form of delineated lanes or surfacing. The visualisation of Carmelite St shows a cyclist emerging from a narrow space. Shared use, especially in constrained spaces like this does not work for cyclists or for pedestrians, it leads to conflicts. In Carmelite St, more useable space could be created if there was one row of planters and seating, rather than two. Surfacing proposed may look nice but is it slippery when wet, in comparison with conventional road surfacing.

Aberdeen Cycle Forum



Our response to the top 10 issues raised

You said...	We will...
Not enough open/green civic space as part of the plans	Aim to incorporate as much greening and open space into the proposals and will continue to review this as designs develop. There may also be opportunity to incorporate more greening within The Green, this doesn't form part of the initial phase 1 & 2 of the market streetscape and will be explored at a later date.
Wider transport changes unclear and problematic	Ensure a more detailed access and circulation plan for the Market area has been prepared. Traffic changes proposed to support market streetscape will be the subject of a separate statutory consultation, called an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO,) to commence in the last quarter of 2022. Any traffic comments made as part of the market streetscape will be reviewed by the Council as part of the preparation of the ETRO.
No more commercial space is required	Note this. However, the market building was not part of this consultation. The proposed new market will be a destination venue that attracts additional footfall to the city centre.
Safe bike storage/improved infrastructure needed	Review these comments as designs progress. Cycle parking and bike tool stations will be incorporated into the proposals. Traffic changes being promoted by the wider City Centre Masterplan will support an increase in cycle and wheeling activity, with through car trips removed. The Market area ETRO proposals specifically seek to reduce through traffic, rationalising routes and movements. Many of these changes will contribute towards an environment which is more conducive to cycling activity.
Pedestrianisation is inconsistent across the proposals	Ensure the Market area ETRO proposals specifically seek to reduce through traffic, rationalising routes and movements. Many of these changes will contribute towards an environment which is more pedestrian friendly.
Generally unsupportive	Note this.
Great opportunity to use the space but required more imaginative ideas	Explore, with partners, opportunities to curate events and activates that will animate and activate the improve public streetscape that supports the vibrancy of The Green and Merchant Quarter.
More greenery needed	Aim to incorporate as much greening into the proposals as is possible.
Affordability	Note this comment. The Council is committed to investing in the future of the City Centre.
Ensure pop up space	Deliver pop up space. The plans will accommodate this:Pop up space is available in The Green and St Nicholas Street. Carnegie's Brae also, depending on the type of pop up.

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